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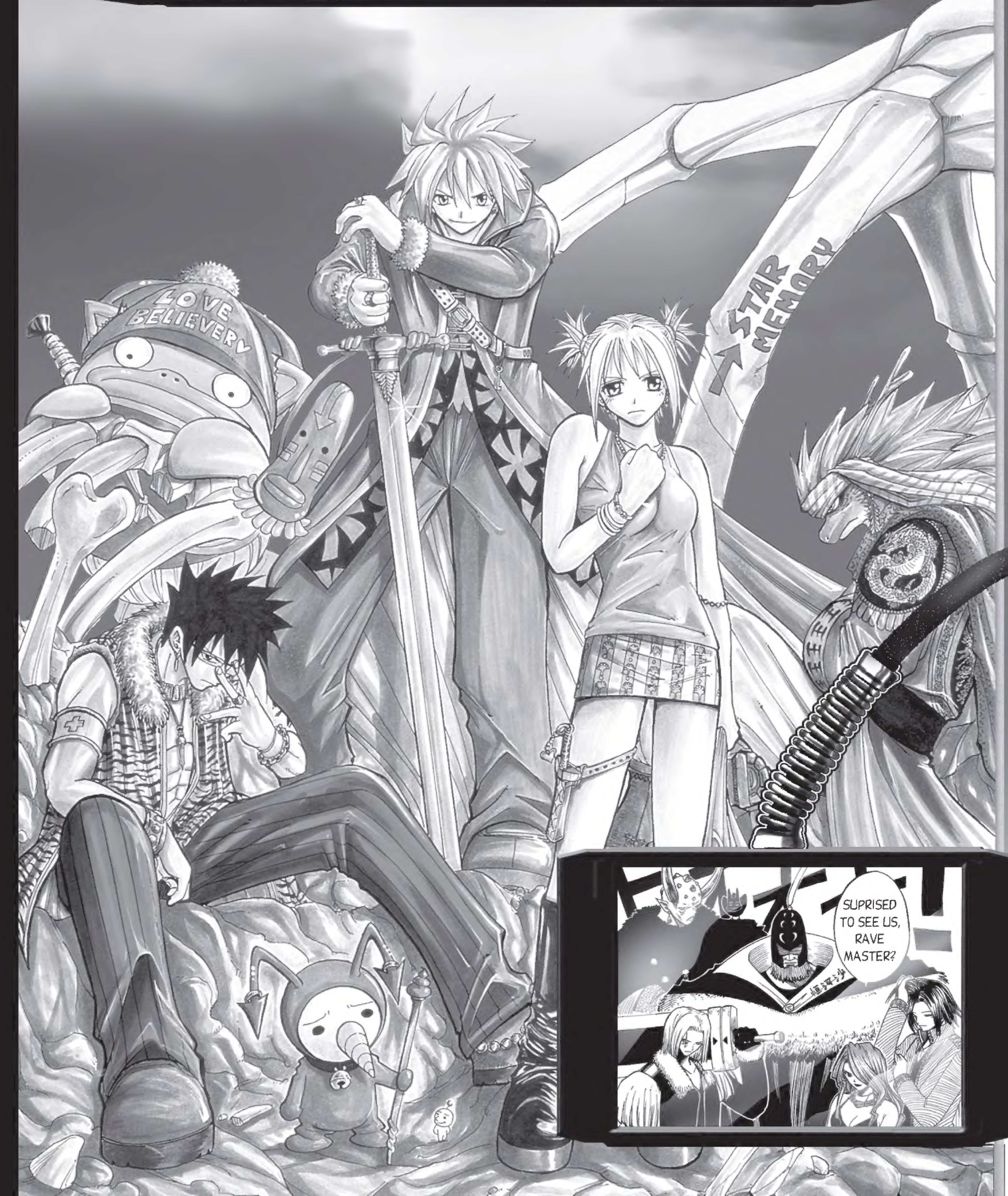
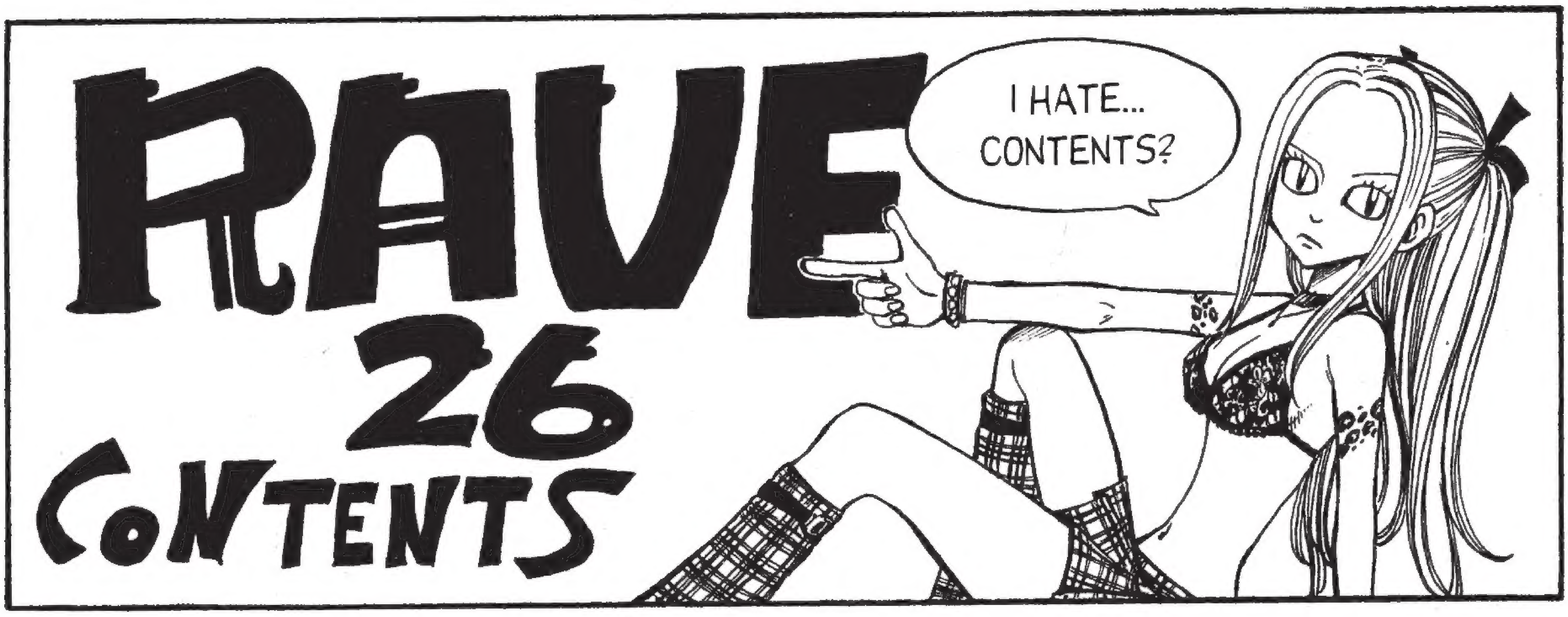
THE STORY SO FAR…

Haru's battle against ***BG*** yields shocking results as he discovers his metallic foe is none other than ***Branch.*** After Branch is destroyed via a bomb planted inside him, Haru confronts Koala. But even though he is defeated, Koala still manages to steal ***Elie's*** Time-Space Staff. While the gang rests and heals, BG's pure-hearted but deluded Etherion user, ***Belnika***, befriends Haru. Neither realizes who the other is, and Belnika helps to heal Haru's injuries. But later, when the gang launches an attack on a BG battleship, Haru and Belinka meet once more...only this time as enemies.


LOVE BELIEVER♥
STAR MEMORY
SUPRISED TO SEE US, RAVE MASTER?

THE RAVE MASTER™ CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the ***Rave Master*** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the ***Ten Powers Sword,*** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of ***Etherion.***
RUBY	A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
MUSICA	A ***"Silverclaimer"*** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET	A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.
PLUE	The ***Rave Bearer,*** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
THE ORACION SIX	Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.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RAVE MASTER
buffalo
契約書
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CONTRACT ♡
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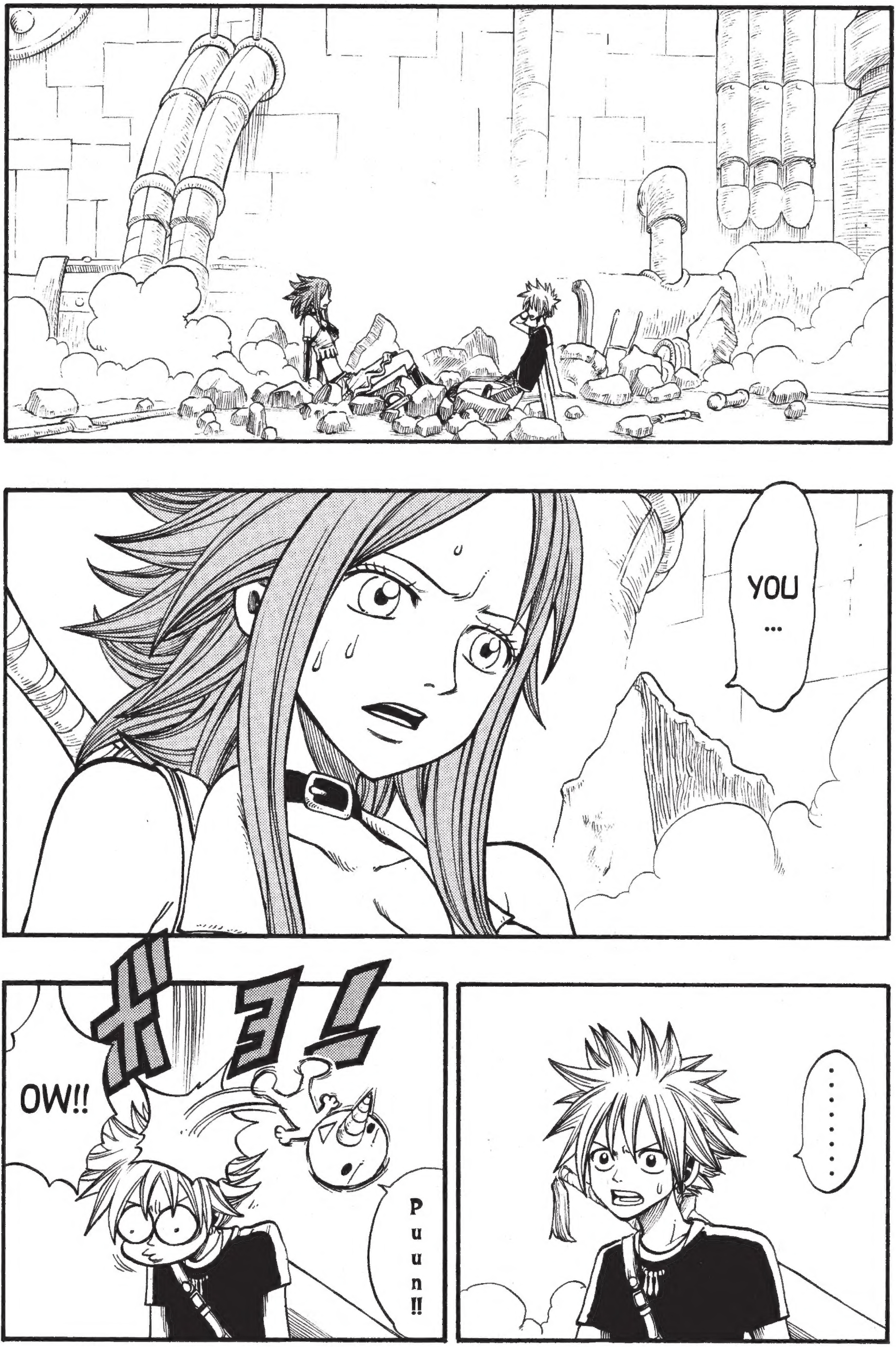
RAVE:210 ✠ HARDNER'S SCHEME?!


YOU …
……………
ボヨ!
OW!!
Puun!!

AW, SNAP! YOU'RE THAT GIRL FROM BEFORE!!
!!
THAT'S SO WEIRD!!
BUT... WHY?!
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY...
OH, YEAH!
......
REMEMBER THAT CHARM YOU GAVE ME?
CHECK IT OUT!
IT REALLY **DID** FIX MY ARM!
I WAS HOPING I WOULD SEE YOU AGAIN SO I COULD THANK YOU FOR THAT!
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D MEET HERE...! TALK ABOUT CRAZY!
ANYWAY, I GOT SPLIT UP FROM EVERYONE, AND IT REALLY SUCKS, SO I'D BETTER--

!!!
すっ
UH ...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
WHY DID IT... HAVE TO BE... LIKE THIS?!

HUH?
WHY...?
UH...MAYBE YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME.
Puun!!
THIS IS PLUE. REMEMBER PLUE?
わわ わわ
YOU'VE TAKEN THE LIVES OF SO MANY OF MY COMRADES...
...AND YOU'VE INTERFERED WITH LORD HARDNER'S PLANS.
WAIT A MINUTE...
ARE YOU BG?!
IF I'D **KNOWN** WHO YOU WERE...
...I WOULD **NEVER** HAVE **HELPED** YOU!!

EN GARDE!!
LEAP
WAAAAGH!!
AAAH!!
ずでーん!!
ゴロ
......
ギッ
WHAT?!
IS THAT A RAVE?!

UH...ARE YOU OKAY?
S-STAY AWAY FROM ME!
ガレッ
OH...
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE A BLUE GUARDIAN.
I'M NOT GONNA FIGHT YOU.
YOU PUT A BLANKET ON ME AND HEALED MY ARM.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HURT YOU.

Puun!!
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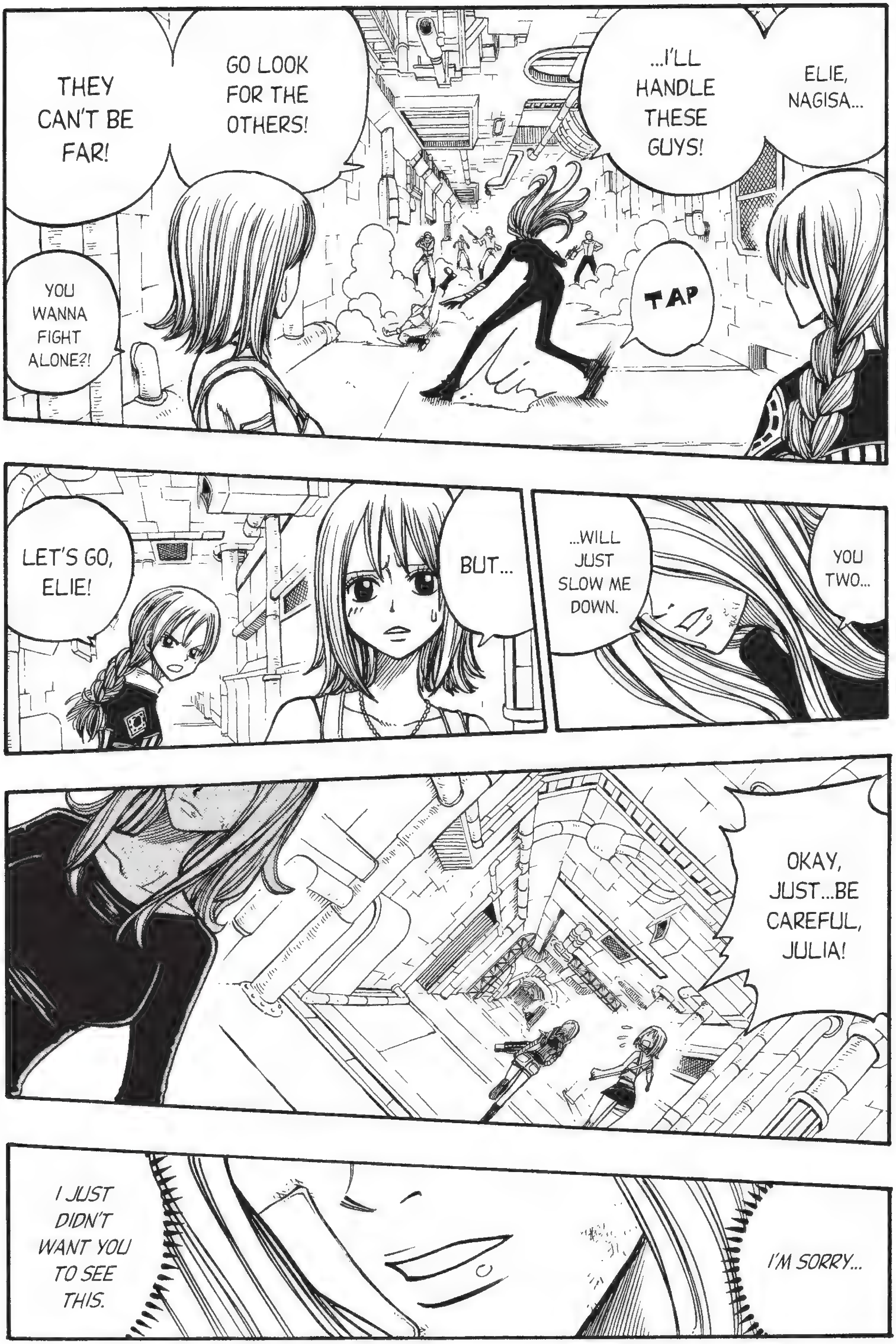
ガシャン
YOU...

YOU DIDN'T...
...DO THOSE THINGS... DID YOU?
DAMN RIGHT I DIDN'T.

YAAAAAAAH!!!
JEEZ! WHERE ARE ALL THESE GUYS COMING FROM?!
PULL BACK, ELIE!!
GAGH!!
RRRRGH!!
GAAH!!

IS THAT THEM?! WERE WE INFILTRATED BY A GANG OF KIDS?!
ズガガガガガ!!
THEY'RE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THEY LOOK!
AND THEY LOOK KINDA CUTE ...!
キュ～
どさっ
KINDA?!
!
WHA?!
ANOTHER ONE!
MY CHARM WILL NOT BE SUMMED UP WITH "KINDA"!!
EEEK!! THIS ONE'S TERRIFYING!!


ELIE, NAGISA...
...I'LL HANDLE THESE GUYS!
TAP
GO LOOK FOR THE OTHERS!
THEY CAN'T BE FAR!
YOU WANNA FIGHT ALONE?!
YOU TWO...
...WILL JUST SLOW ME DOWN.
BUT...
LET'S GO, ELIE!
OKAY, JUST...BE CAREFUL, JULIA!
I'M SORRY...
I JUST DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE THIS.

I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE THIS FACE...
YOU.
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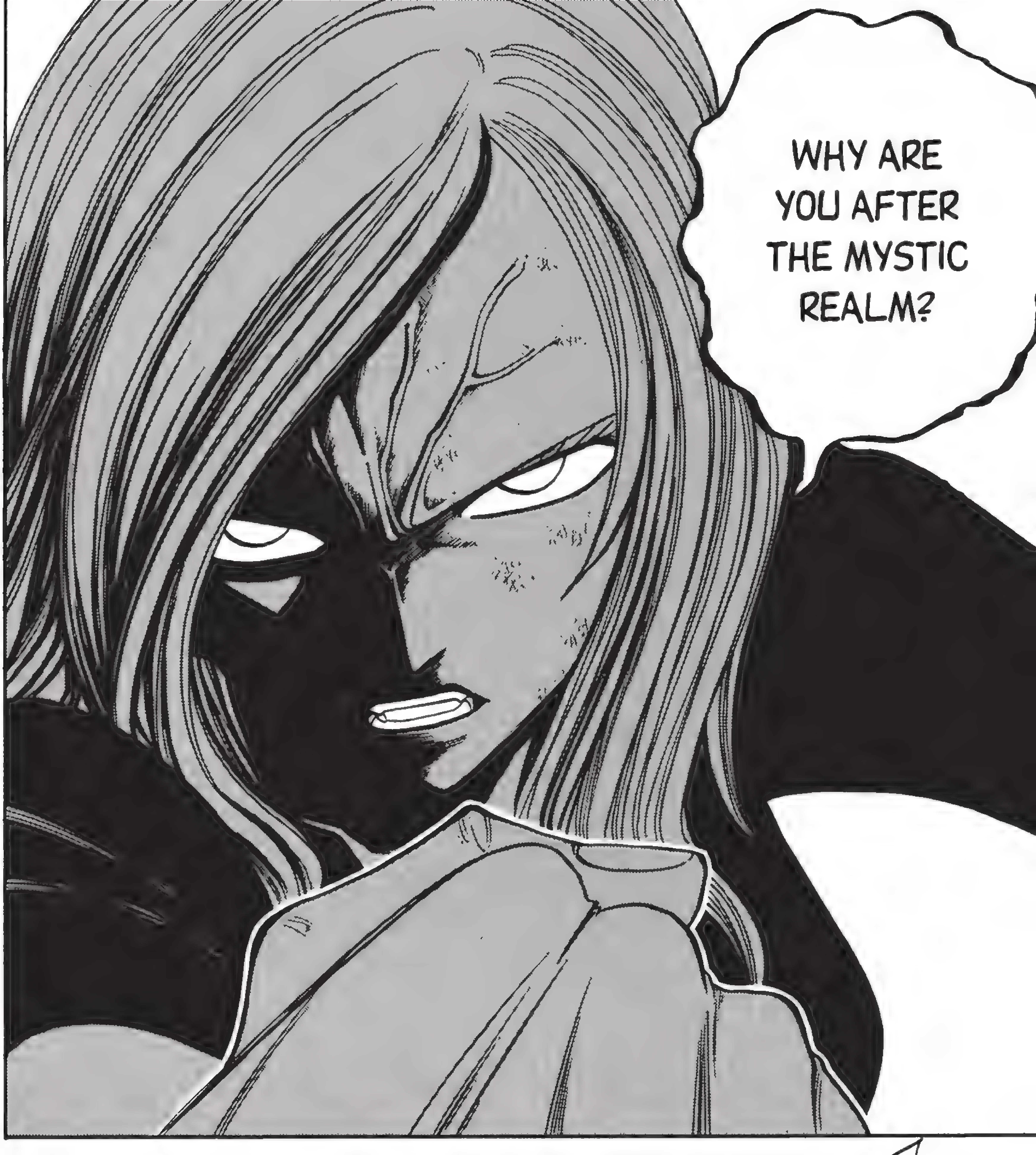
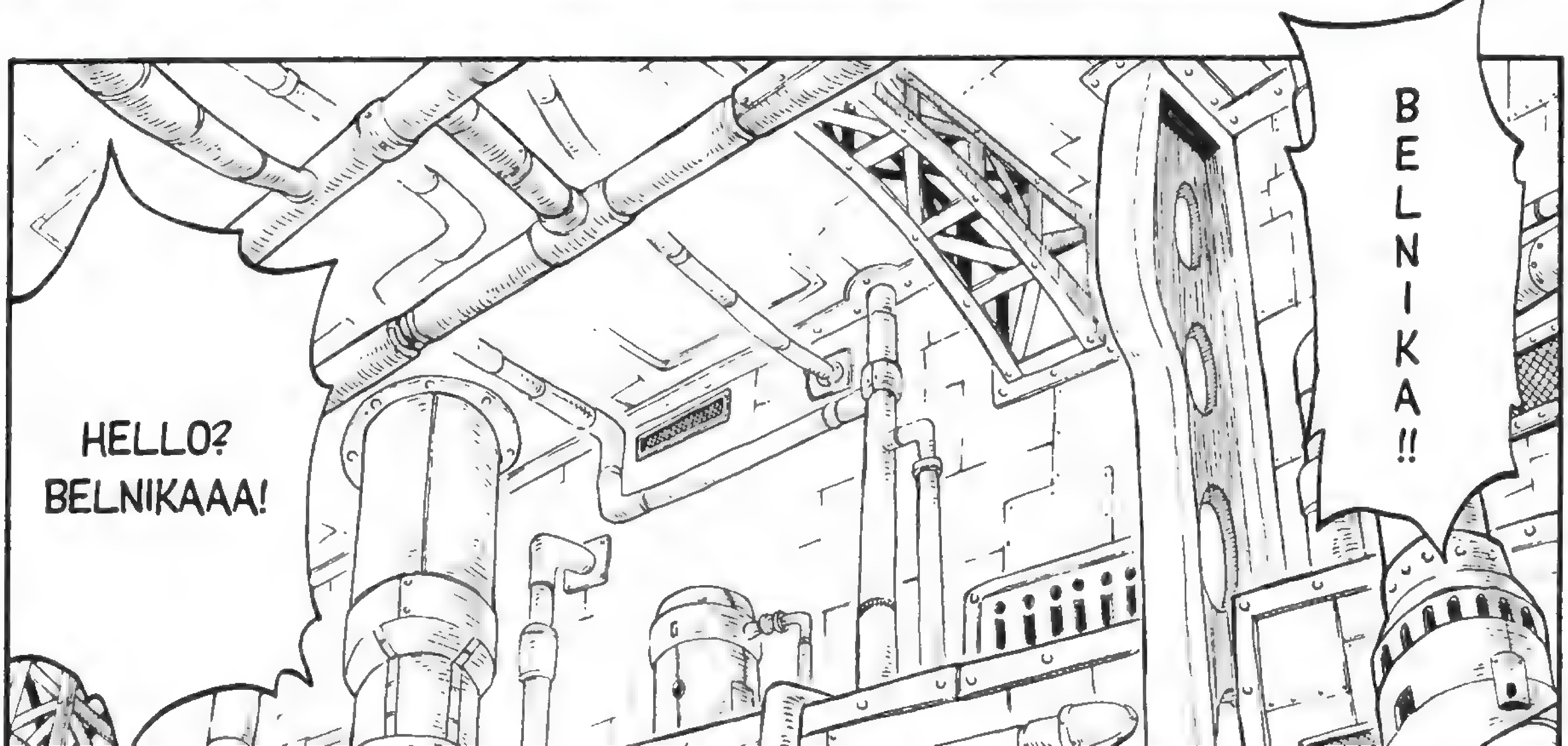
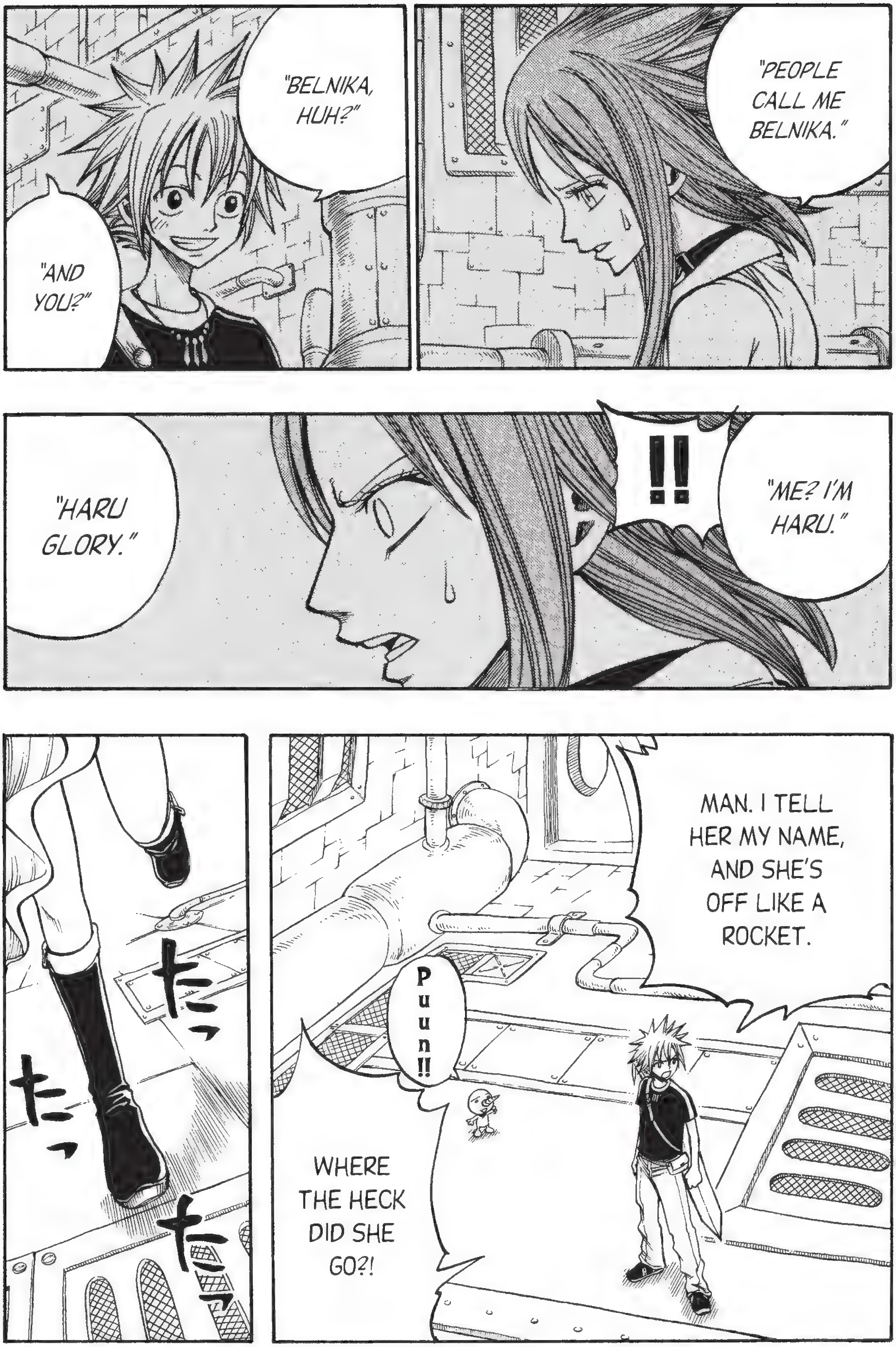

WHY ARE YOU AFTER THE MYSTIC REALM?


BELNIKA!!
HELLO? BELNIKAAA!


"PEOPLE CALL ME BELNIKA."
"BELNIKA, HUH?"
"AND YOU?"
"ME? I'M HARU."
!!
"HARU GLORY."
MAN. I TELL HER MY NAME, AND SHE'S OFF LIKE A ROCKET.
Puun!!
WHERE THE HECK DID SHE GO?!
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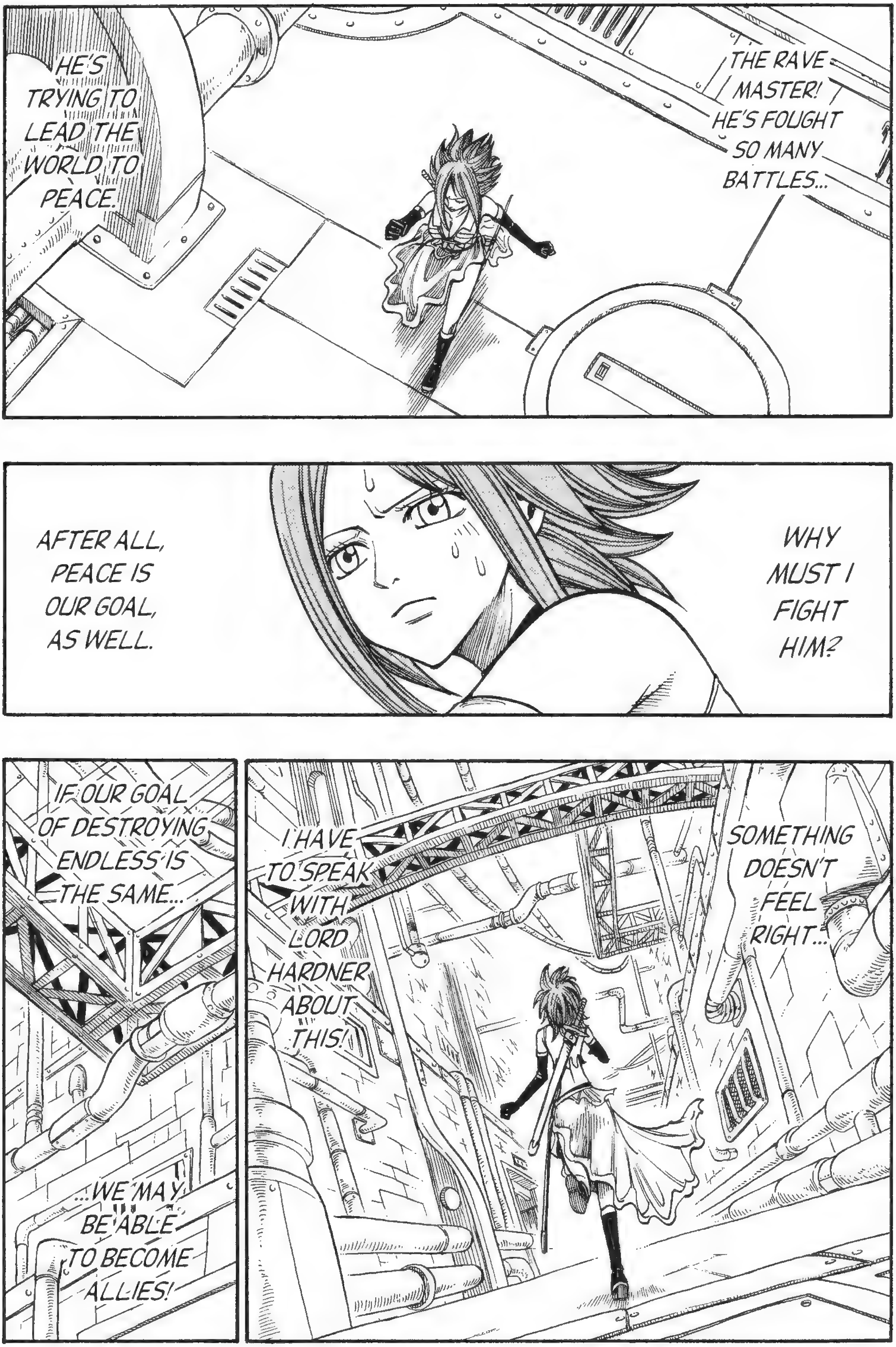
THE RAVE MASTER! HE'S FOUGHT SO MANY BATTLES...
HE'S TRYING TO LEAD THE WORLD TO PEACE.
WHY MUST I FIGHT HIM?
AFTER ALL, PEACE IS OUR GOAL, AS WELL.
SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...
I HAVE TO SPEAK WITH LORD HARDNER ABOUT THIS!
IF OUR GOAL OF DESTROYING ENDLESS IS THE SAME...
...WE MAY BE ABLE TO BECOME ALLIES!

END-LESS? YOU WANT...
...TO DESTROY ENDLESS?
Y-YEAH. WE'RE PLANNING TO LURE HIM TO THE MYSTIC REALM.
ONCE HE'S THERE, WE CAN DESTROY HIM WITH OVERDRIVE.
TH-THAT'S BG'S GOAL, OKAY?
WE'RE NOT D-DOING ANYTHING BAD...!
OVERDRIVE IS THE FULL RELEASE OF ETHERION.
BUT YOU CAN'T USE IT IN THIS WORLD, RIGHT?

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SO WE'LL JUST USE IT THERE.
DO YOU REALIZE...
...THAT YOUR "PLAN" WILL WIPE OUT **FIVE BILLION LIVES,** CORRECT?
BUT... THEY'RE NOT **PEOPLE.**
THEY'RE JUST **MONSTERS!**
ズガガガッ
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING!!

ONE OF THOSE "MONSTERS"...
...JUST KICKED YOUR ASS.
BLECH.
!
I HATE YOU, CRAZY LADY.
YOU WANNA KILL ENDLESS?
SO DO WE. SO WHY GET MAD?
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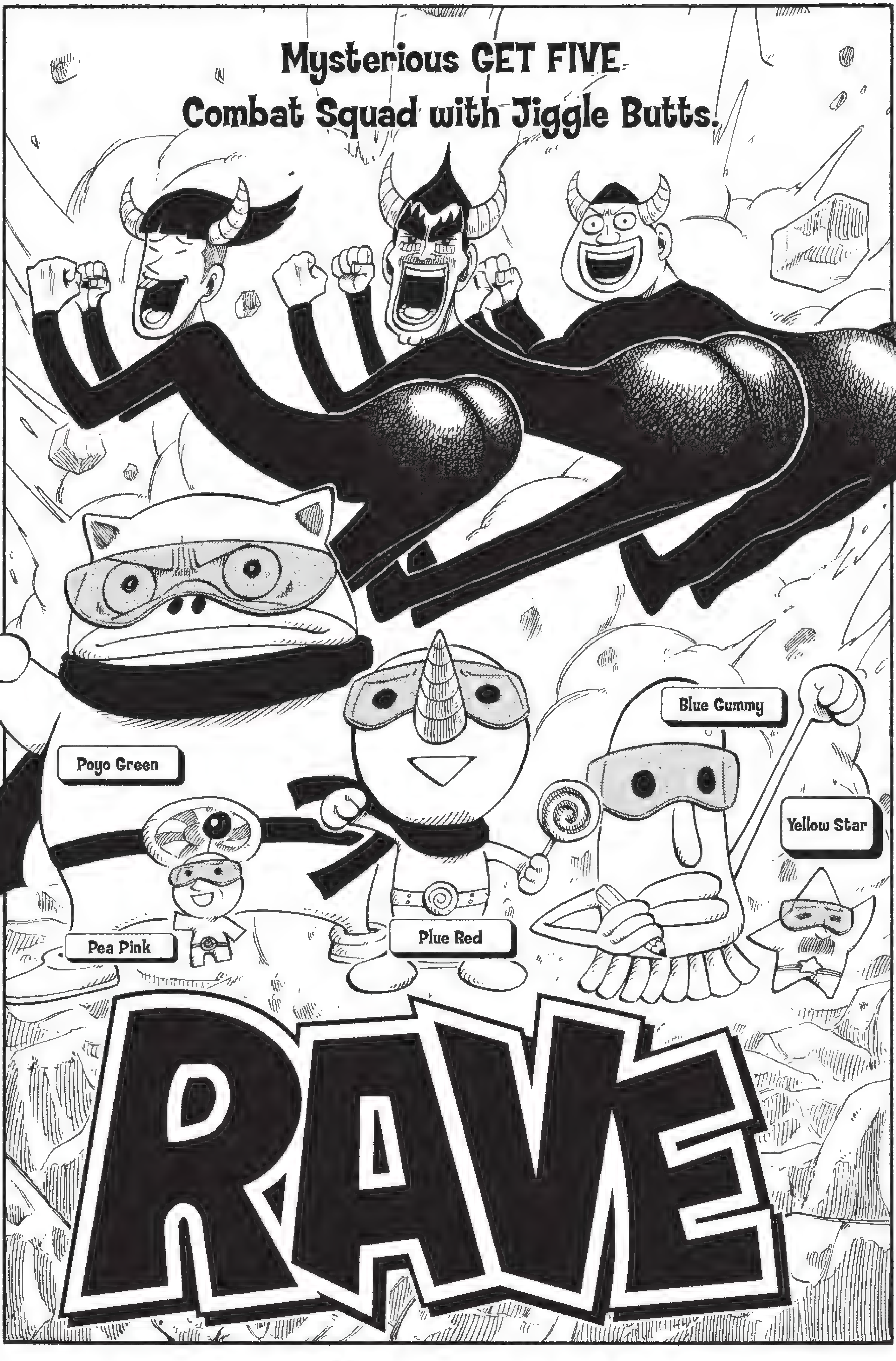
つか
IS IT THE WHOLE "MYSTIC REALM GOING POOF" THING? EVEN SO, WE STILL GOTTA DO IT.

WE GOTTA KILL ENDLESS.
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING.
HARDNER SAID IT HIMSELF.
HE WANTS TO DESTROY THE MYSTIC REALM...
...USING THE POWER OF ENDLESS.


Mysterious GET FIVE
Combat Squad with Jiggle Butts.
Blue Gummy
Poyo Green
Yellow Star
Pea Pink
Plue Red
RAVE

RAVE:211 ✠ ANOTHER WORLD

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START TALKING!!
WHAT'S HARDNER'S REAL GOAL?!
I TOLD YOU...
TO KILL ENDLESS.
フルッ
YEAH, RIGHT! SO WHY USE A MONSTER THAT HUGE...
...IN THE MYSTIC REALM?!

DUNNO.
YOU DON'T KNOW?!
YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR A GOAL YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW?!
YUP.
IT'S OKAY, SO LONG AS LORD HARDNER KNOWS.
I'M JUST HIS WEAPON.
THINKING TOO MUCH IS ANNOYING.
AGGGH!!
IT'S BORING.

AND SHE'S AS GOOD AS THE LAST GUY...MAYBE BETTER, EVEN.
OW! I'M STILL HURTING FROM THAT LAST FIGHT!
SHE'S FAST!
IS IT A SPEED DB?!
LEAP
NNGH!!
WHOOSH
OH, NO YOU DON'T!!
!!!

SHE'S RUNNING IN MIDAIR!
SON OF A...
DRAGON INFERNO DRAUGHT!!
AH!!
ぐるぐる
ぐるぐる
!!

FIRE...
HEAT...
THEY'RE NICE SOMETIMES.
WH- WHAT?!
H-HER DARK B-BRING...

I CALL IT **DRESS-UP.** IT BESTOWS ME WITH THE POWER TO WEAR ANY ELEMENTAL COAT.
THE "WIND" COAT MAKES ME FAST.
HMPH. SO THAT MEANS YOU'RE STILL PLAYING DRESS-UP AT YOUR AGE?
BLAH.
I HATE PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT.
ESPECIALLY **OLD PEOPLE.**
WHAT?!
FINALLY.
?!
WHAT THE--?!
YOU LEFT ME AN OPENING.

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!
HURK...
GGGH!!
NO!! THIS CAN'T... BE HAP... PENING...

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE TURBULENCE?!
WHAT STUPID JERK IS FLYING THIS THING?!
UH...YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE ABOUT TO CRASH, DO YOU?
DON'T SAY SUCH A THING!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON, POYO?!
......
WE'RE HERE!!

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WE'RE AT THE GATE TO THE MYSTIC REALM!!
THE FORTRESS IS ENTERING THE MYSTIC REALM!!
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TH-THE SKY'S ALL WEIRD, DADDY...!
THIS IS SO CREEPY...
HARDNER'S GOING INTO THE MYSTIC REALM?!
BUT... WHY?!
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WE MUST BE ENTERING AT LAST...

I HAVE TO HURRY...! I NEED TO HEAR FROM LORD HARDNER...
RUN
...WHAT THE NATURE OF THIS OPERATION TRULY IS!
AFTER THEM, MAGGOTS! WE'RE HEADING IN, TOO!!
WHAT?!
IN THERE?!
BUT... THAT'S CRAZY!!
SHADDAP!!! FULL SPEED AHEAD!!!
ブォゴゴゴゴッ!!...

オオオオ…
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SO **THIS** IS THE OTHER **WORLD**...
...KNOWN AS THE **MYSTIC REALM.**
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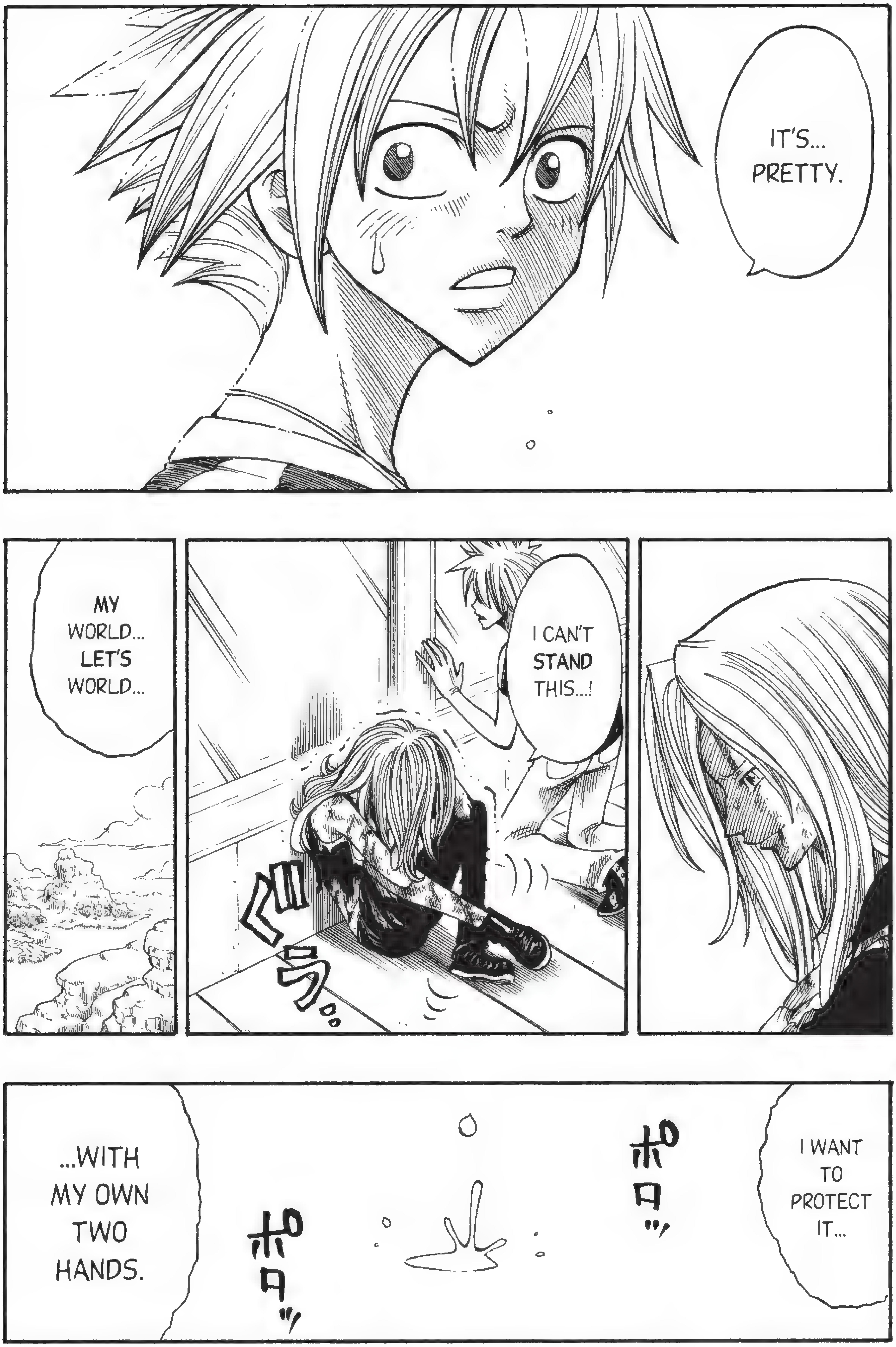
HUH. THOSE MONSTERS SURE LIVE IN AN AWFULLY PRETTY PLACE...
AH, WELL...
SOON IT'LL ALL BE NOTHING BUT **ASH.**

WHAT WAS ALL THAT SHAKING?
!
Puuun!!
Puuun!!
JULIA?!
JULIA!!
HEY-- HANG IN THERE!
MAN... THIS IS SO BAD!
JULIA!!
HARU...
P- PLEASE...
G-GET ME... TO A W- WINDOW...
!!!

A FULL RELEASE OF ETHERION?
THEY WANNA DESTROY ENDLESS WITH THAT?!
HARDNER'S DOING WHAT WE WERE GONNA DO AT STAR MEMORY...
...ONLY HE'S DOING IT IN THE MYSTIC REALM.
THE M-MYSTIC REALM...
Hurk!
...C-CAN'T...T-TAKE IT!
HARDNER'S REAL GOAL...
...IS IT TO B-BEAT ENDLESS?
OR... TO W-WIPE OUT THE MYSTIC REALM?
Ghck!
JULIA!
DON'T TRY TO TALK ANYMORE!
HARU... L-LOOK OUTSIDE.
!

HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? UNCOMFORTABLE? **SCARED?**
THAT'S THE **MYSTIC REALM,** HARU.


IT'S... PRETTY.
I CAN'T **STAND** THIS...!
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MY WORLD... **LET'S** WORLD...
I WANT TO PROTECT IT...
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ポロ"
...WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.

BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH!
NNH...
HGCK!
MM...
Nngh!
YOU DO HAVE IT, JULIA.

SO LET ME TAKE YOUR POWER...
...AND PROTECT YOUR HOME FOR YOU.
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RAVE MASTER
LOADING

WHOA...THE MYSTIC REALM!
FEH. YA SEEN ONE WORLD, YA SEEN 'EM ALL.
WHAT'RE YOU, NUTS? LOOK AT ALL THE MOONS!
DADDY! CAN YOU HEAR ME, DADDY?
!!!

RAVE:212 ✠ BELNIKA'S TEARS

IS THAT **YOU,** NAGISA?!
HOW ARE YOU EVEN... WAIT, DID YOU FIND THE COM ROOM?!
I GUESS SO, RIGHT? AND YOU'RE **SAFE!**
YOU NEARLY GAVE ME A **HEART ATTACK,** YOU LITTLE STAIN!
SHUT UP, DADDY! THIS ISN'T THE TIME!
YOU'RE TELLING ME!!
WHY DID HARDNER COME TO THE MYSTIC REALM--**AGAIN?!**
HE WANTS TO DESTROY IT...
...USING THE STAFF TO CALL ENDLESS!
WHAT?!
IT LOOKS LIKE BG HAS SOMEONE WHO CAN USE ETHERION.
THEY WANNA HAVE HER USE THE STAFF.
SHE'LL SUMMON ENDLESS, THEN DESTROY HIM AND THIS PLACE **TOGETHER!**
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ジ
Found the com room with his help.

ENDLESS AND THE MYSTIC REALM?!
HOW?!
ETHERION.
LIKE I SAID, THEY HAVE SOMEONE WHO CAN USE IT!
THAT'S GARBAGE! THERE CAN'T BE TWO PEOPLE WITH ETHERION!
ARE YOU SURE?!
WELL...
WHAT DOES HE REALLY WANT TO DESTROY?
WE'RE NOT SURE, ACTUALLY.
ABOUT THAT, OR HARDNER'S REAL GOAL.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA, SINCE YOU USED TO KNOW HIM AND ALL.
!!
"WHO DO YOU THINK THE SKY BELONGS TO?"
"UH...LAST I CHECKED, IT DOESN'T REALLY BELONG TO ANYONE."
"THEN IF NO ONE'S CLAIMED IT...CAN I TAKE IT?"
"HUH?"
"AND NOT JUST THE SKY...BUT THE SEA, THE EARTH--EVERYTHING."
"CAN I TAKE IT?"
"YUMA..."
!

"WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO DO...
...IF YOU COULD BE BORN AGAIN?"
DADDY! NAGISA'S TRANSMISSION GOT CUT!
CRRSH
CRRSH
CHADOK! TAKE OVER COMMAND!!
ME?!
WHERE'RE YOU GOING, DADDY?!

MITSU! NANAHOSHI! YOU'RE WITH ME!
THERE'S A HOLE IN THE PERIMETER! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
The Resistance--Nanahoshi
The Resistance--Mitsu
WE'RE BOARDING THE ALBATROSS!
HE'S THINKING OF SOMETHING EVEN MORE TERRIFYING...
GRRSH
GRRSH
...THAN WIPING OUT THE MYSTIC REALM OR DESTROYING ENDLESS!!

HUH? WHY'D I JUST GET CUT OFF?!
CRRSH
CRRSH
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CRRSH
DID YOU BREAK IT?
NO!!
I BROKE IT.
!!
HI.

LORD HARDNER HOPES TO DESTROY ENDLESS.
murmur
murmur
murmur
murmur
THAT'S THE OBJECTIVE, ISN'T IT?
OUR MEANS DIFFER, BUT OUR GOAL IS THE SAME AS THE RAVE MASTER'S.
SO WHY MUST WE FIGHT HIM?
TO FIGHT THOSE WITH THE SAME GOAL AND DESIRE FOR PEACE...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS BATTLE?

LUNAR.
CREAK
YES?

DID YOU PUT THAT CRAP IN THAT GIRL'S HEAD?!
HUH?!
NNH...
I KNOW WHAT I TOLD YOU.
"THERE'S A GIRL WITH ARTIFICIAL ETHERION POWER."
"GO AND CAPTURE HER."
!!
I-I'M... S-SORRY...
I TH-THOUGHT SHE'D COOPERATE...IF SHE TH-THOUGHT THIS WAS FOR P-PEACE....

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! LORD HARDNER, LADY LUNAR! YOU CAN'T BE--
GRAB
OW!! LET... ME... GO!!
NOW YOU KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.
YOU'RE NOT A GUEST... YOU'RE A **CAPTIVE**.
FORGET WHATEVER BULL LUNAR COOKED UP TO MAKE YOU BEHAVE.
I'M SURE AS HELL NOT AFTER **PEACE**.

N-NO!!
THEN...
...YOUR REAL GOAL IS...!

YAARGH!!
LOVE BELIEVER
I HATE...
TAP
ELIE!!
...WEAK WOMEN.
E-ELIE? YOU'RE ELIE?
YOU KNEW CAPTAIN WANTED YOU... SO WHY'D YOU COME?
ARE YOU STUPID?
DID YOU THINK YOU WOULDN'T GET CAUGHT?
P-PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME IT TAKES AN ETHERION USER TO USE THE STAFF...
SO MAYBE...

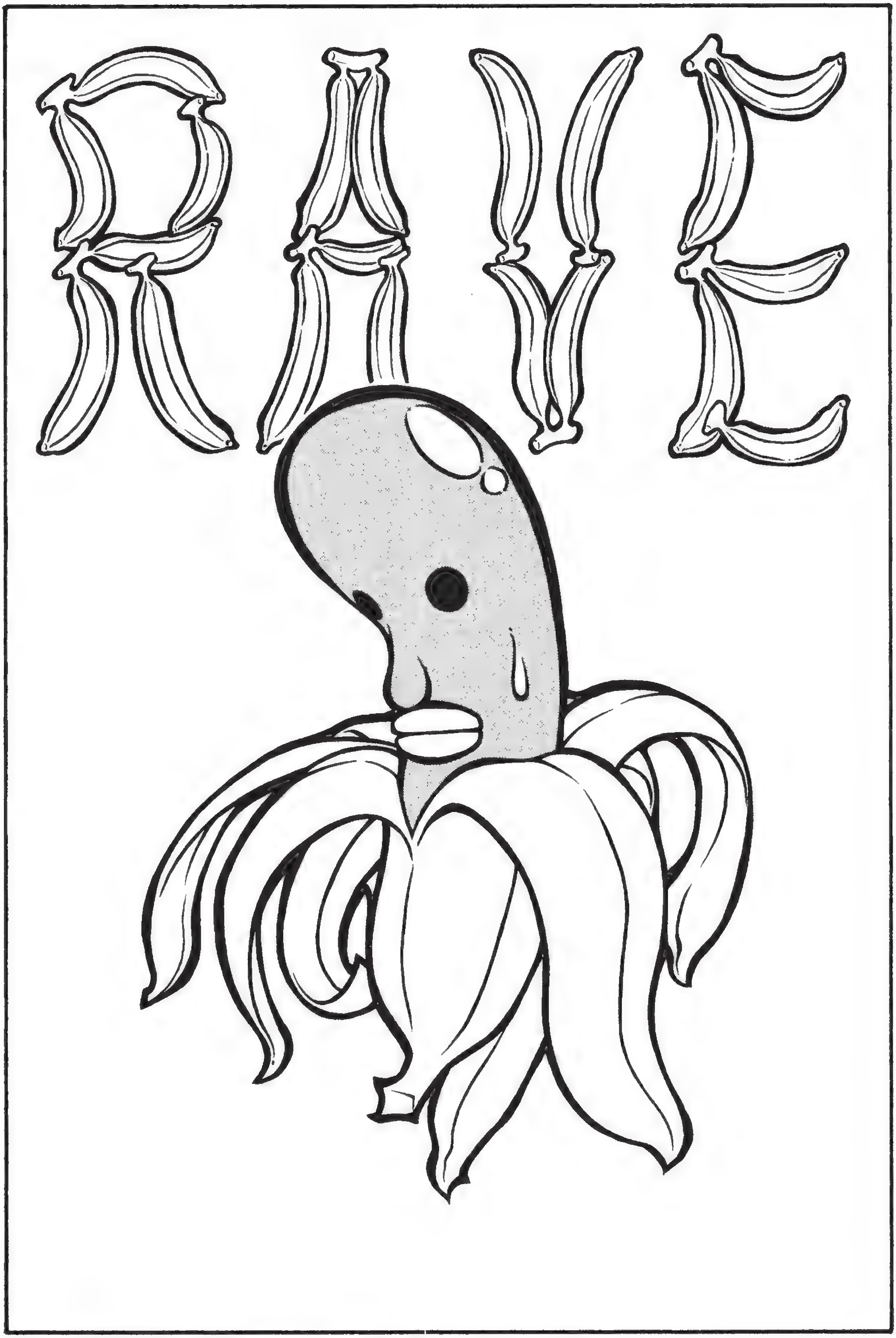
...I CAN DESTROY THE TIME-SPACE STAFF.
I'D RATHER BREAK IT THEN LET IT BE USED FOR EVIL!!
OH. OKAY.
BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE, Y'KNOW.
THE OPERATION'S STARTING SOON.

NO... NO!!
THAT'S INSANE!!
I WOULD NEVER USE ETHERION FOR THAT!!
YOU TRICKED ME!!
LUNAR TRICKED YOU--NOT ME. LET'S BE FAIR.
NOW...LET'S SUMMON ENDLESS LIKE WE PLANNED, SHALL WE?
DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE I WOULD HELP YOU NOW?!
SURE I DO. YOU'RE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL.
HA HA HA HA
!!!

JELLYBONE?!
ンァハッ
アハァ
WH- WHY...?
HOW CRUEL!!
GOOD.
LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED.

LOOK OUTSIDE.
ゴゴゴゴ
WE'RE AT THE ALTAR OF BIRTH.
UH...
WHOA.
......
L-LADY BELNIKA...
YOU... MUSTN'T...
LEAVE ME...!!
YOU MUSN'T... HELP THESE SCOUNDRELS!!
DON'T AID THEIR WICKED PLAN!!
CAN IT, GRAMPS!
ビシィ
UGH!!
ボカッ
NNH...
NNH!

I'LL... I'LL D-DO IT.
GOOD GIRL.
OR SHOULD I CALL YOU MY USER-FRIENDLY LITTLE TOOL?
Nnh...
Hic!
Ggh...
LADY BELNIKA!!!



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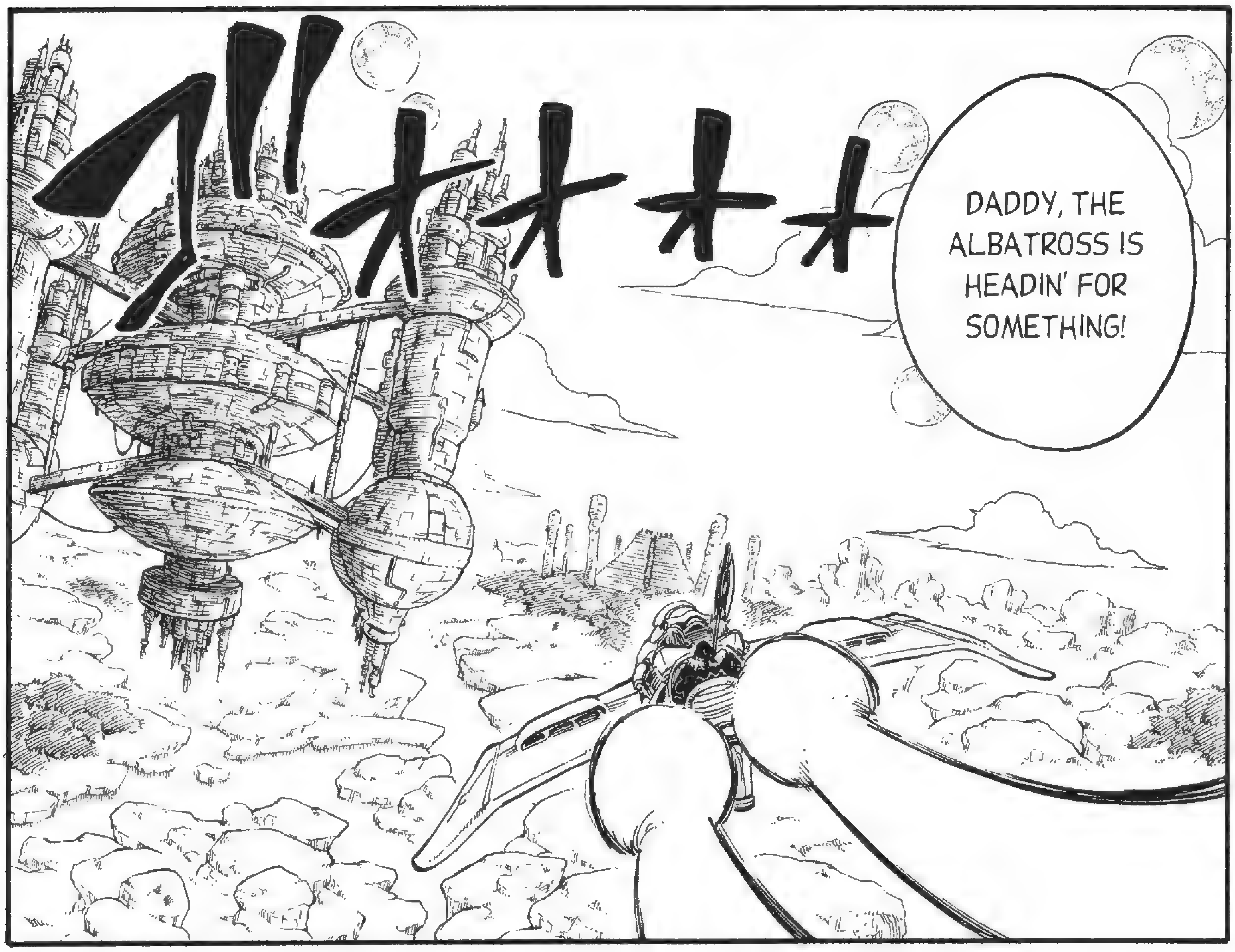
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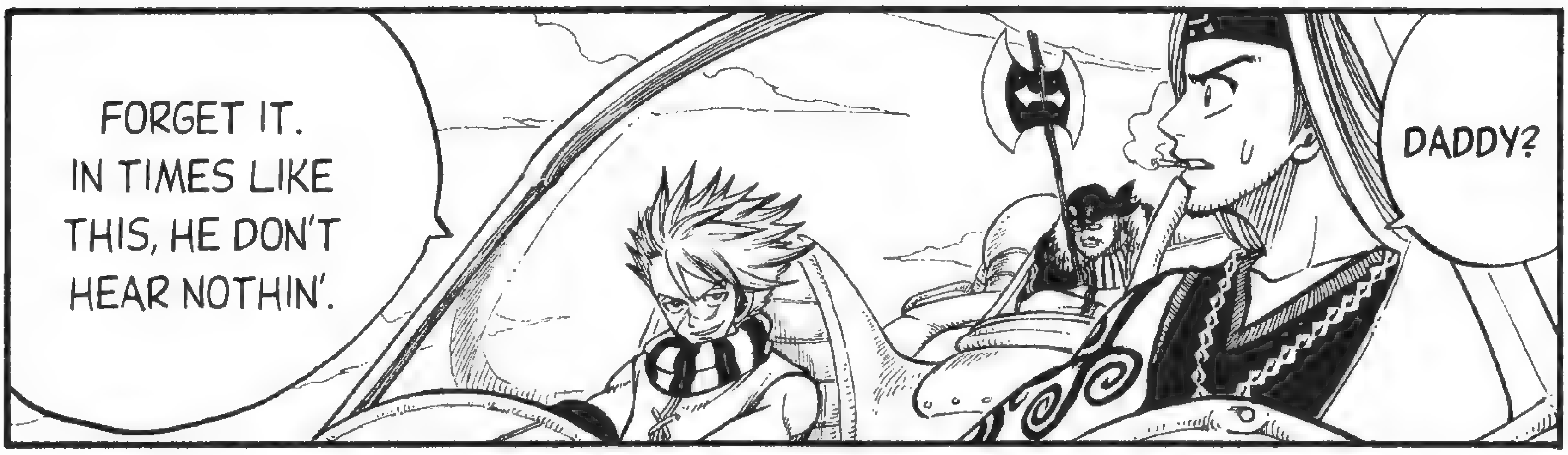
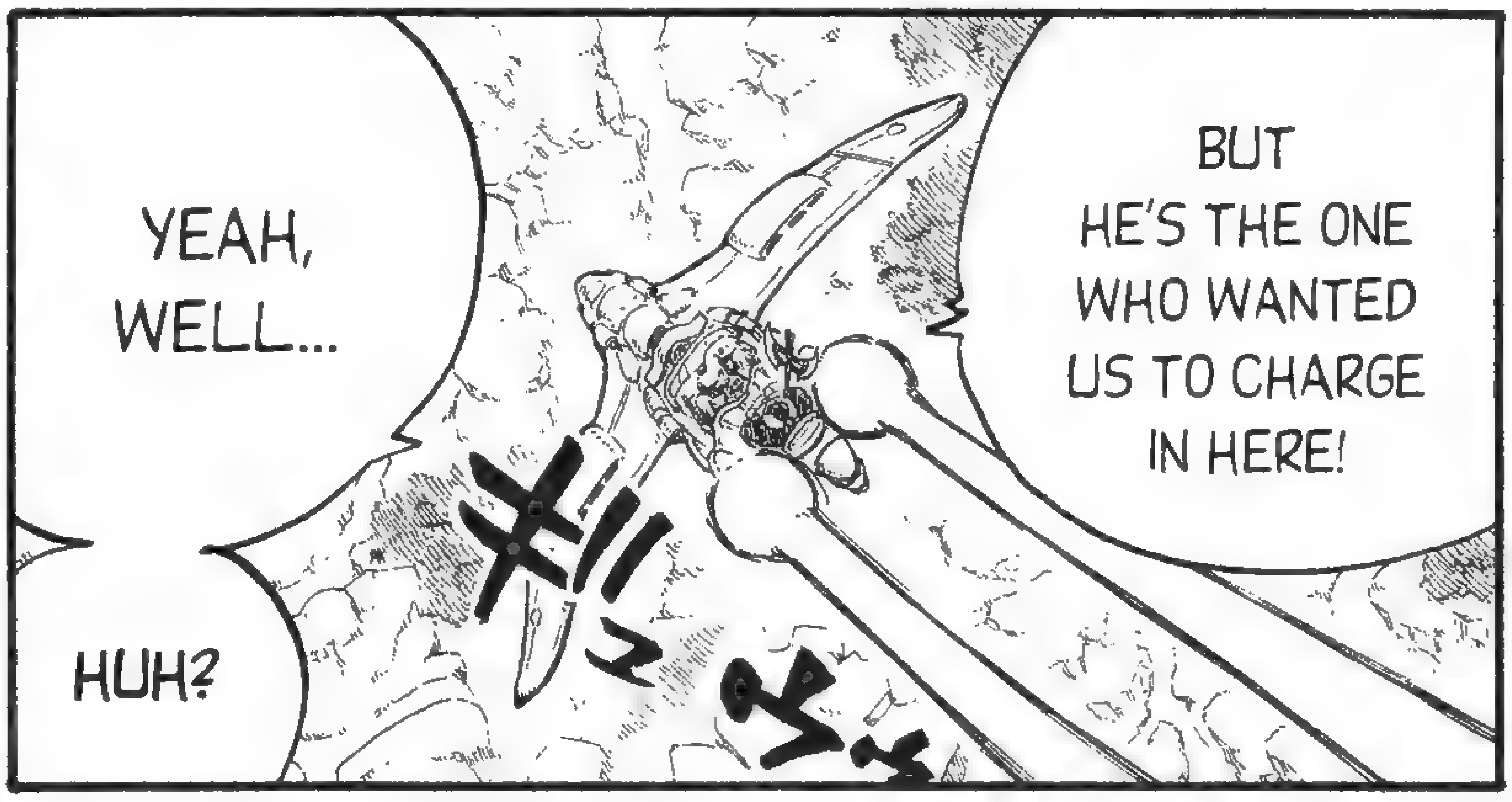
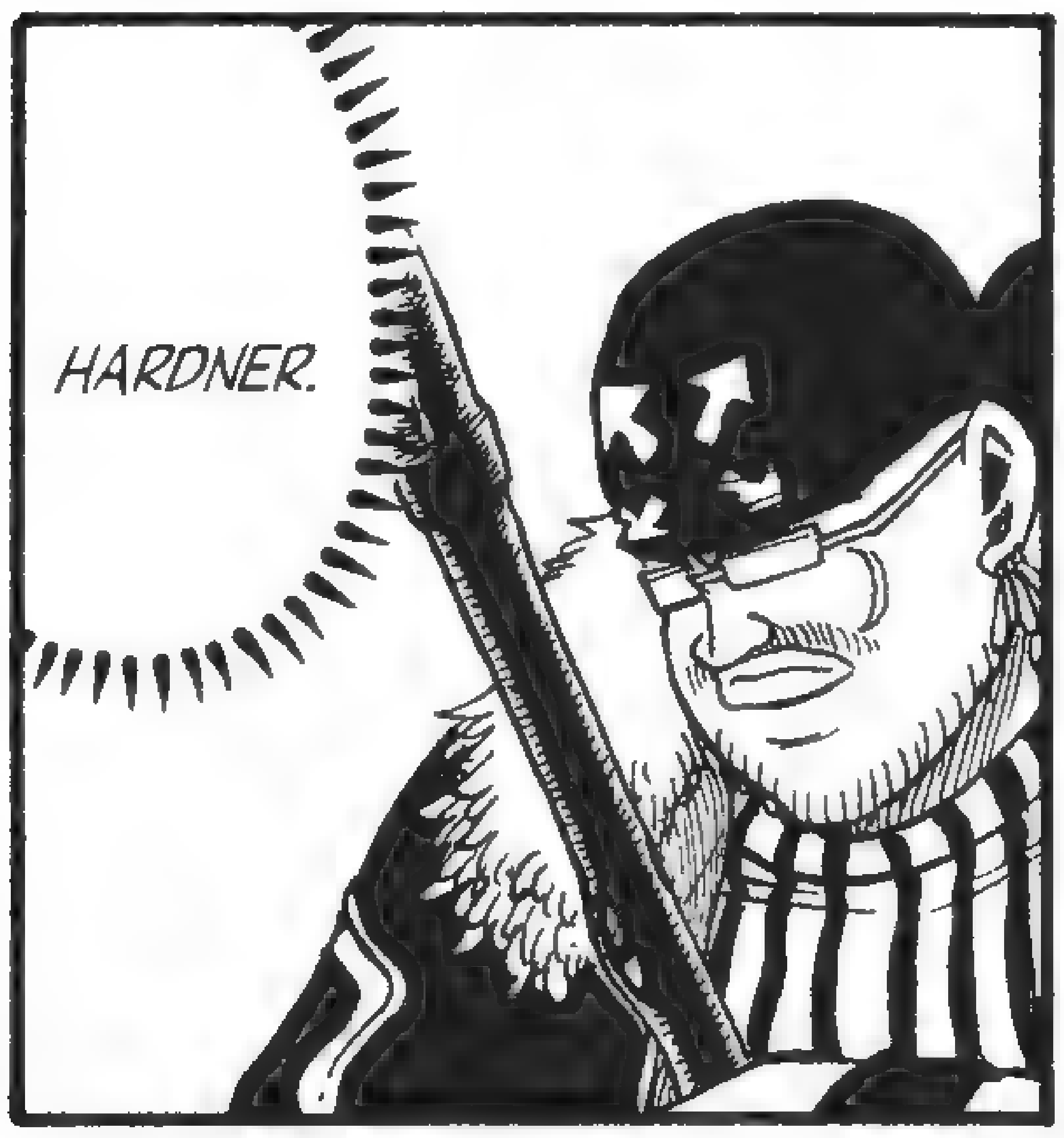
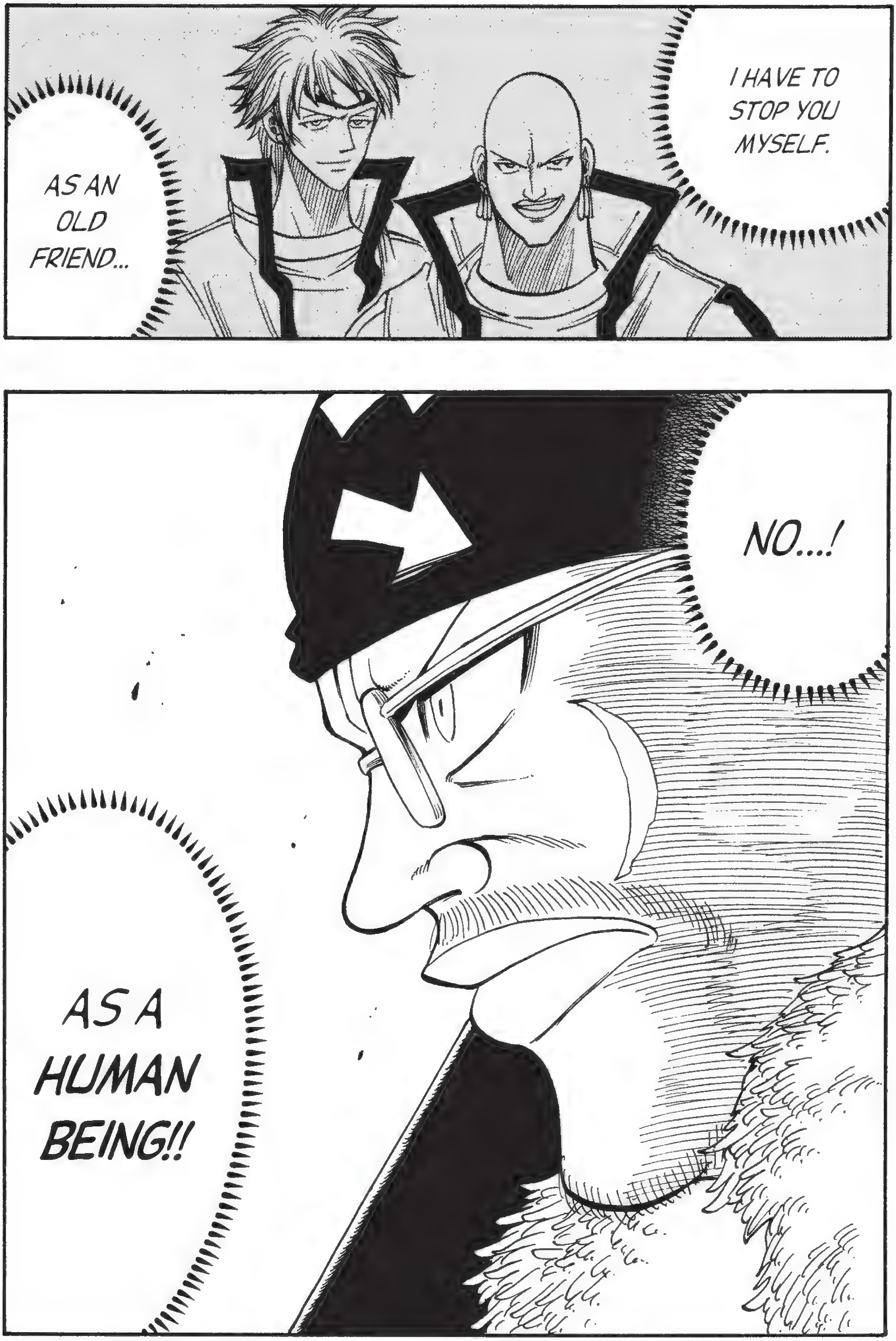
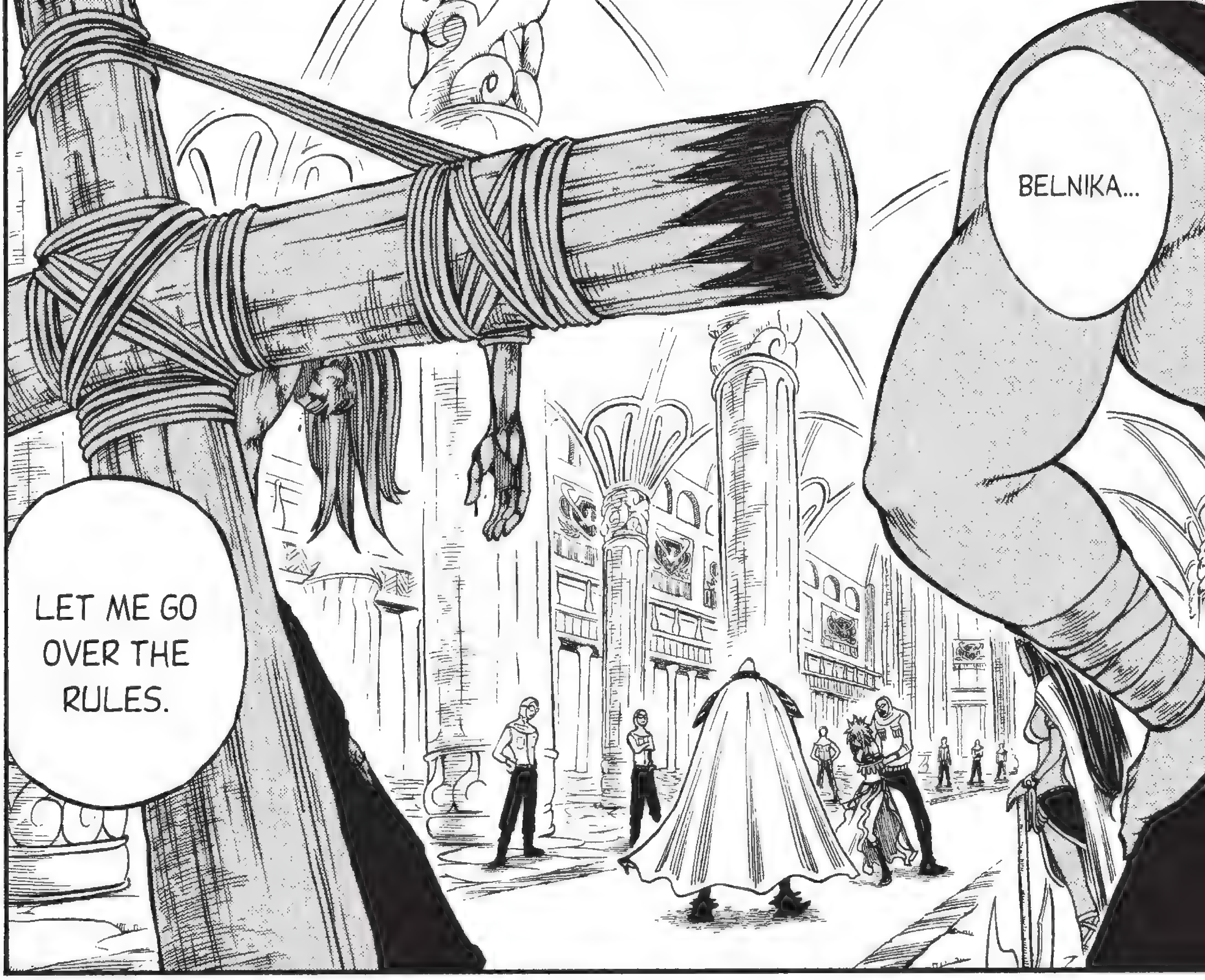
DADDY, THE ALBATROSS IS HEADIN' FOR SOMETHING!

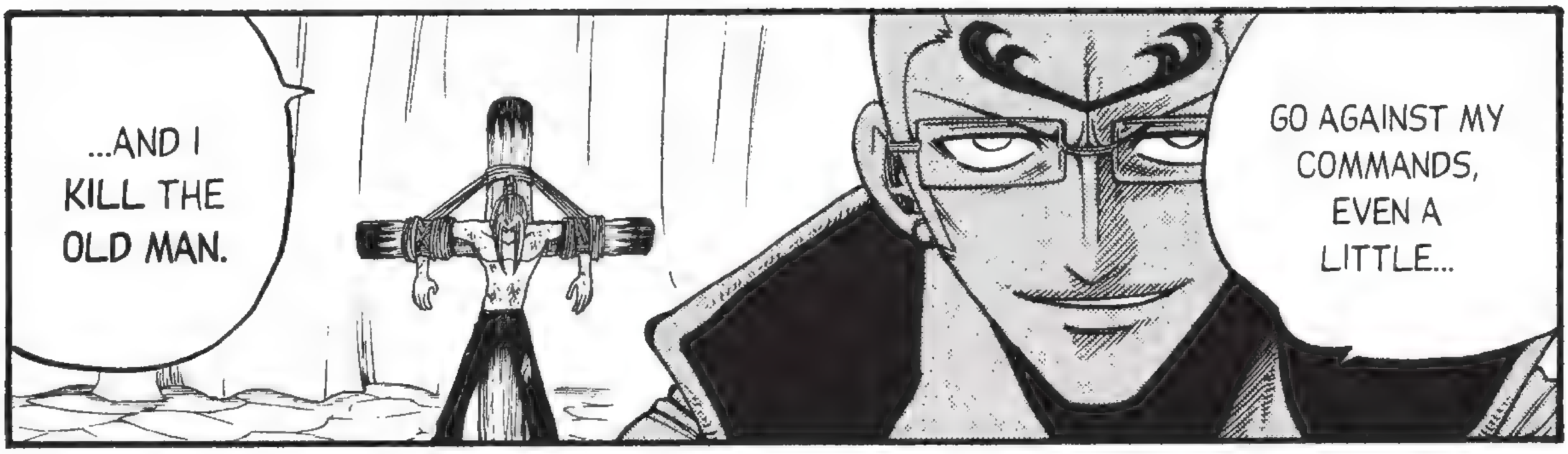

DADDY?
FORGET IT. IN TIMES LIKE THIS, HE DON'T HEAR NOTHIN'.

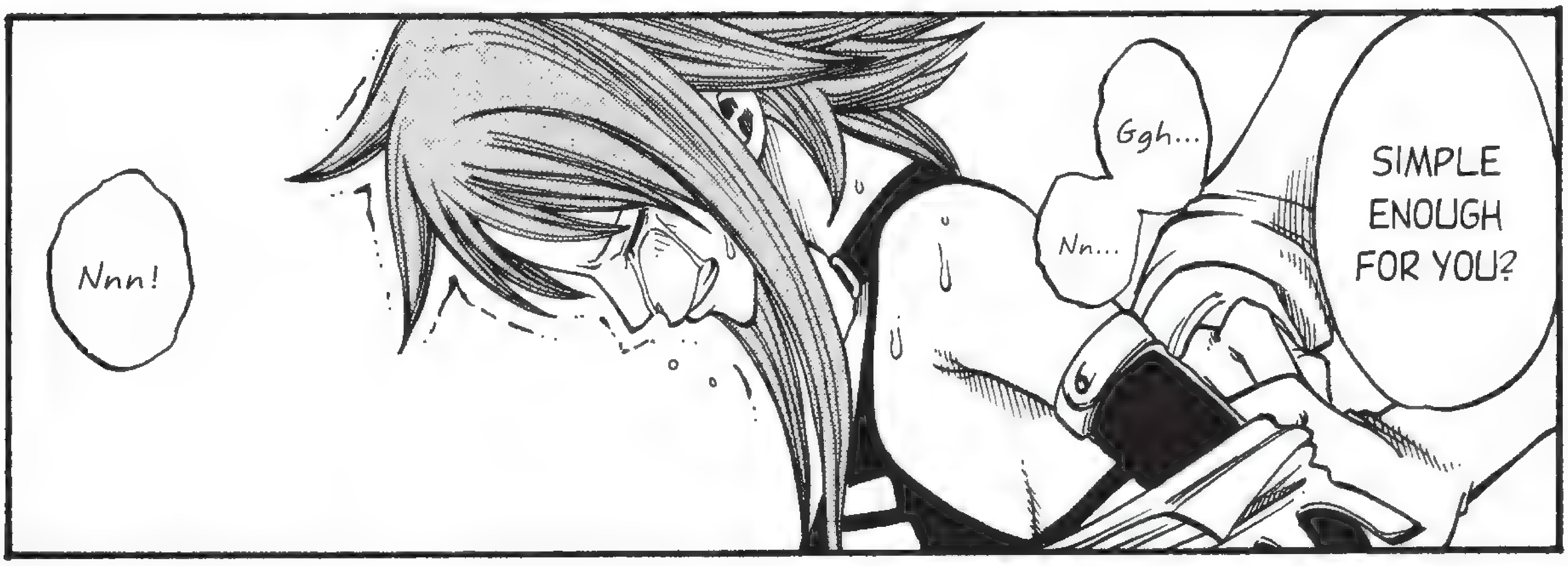

BUT HE'S THE ONE WHO WANTED US TO CHARGE IN HERE!
YEAH, WELL...
HUH?


HARDNER.


I HAVE TO STOP YOU MYSELF.
AS AN OLD FRIEND...
NO...!
AS A HUMAN BEING!!


BELNIKA...
LET ME GO OVER THE RULES.


GO AGAINST MY COMMANDS, EVEN A LITTLE...
...AND I KILL THE OLD MAN.


SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR YOU?
Ggh...
Nn...
Nnn!

LUNAR... CUT OFF THE OLD MAN'S FEET.
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W-WAIT! NO!! WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!
I ALREADY SAID I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!!

THEN YOU SHOULD ANSWER ME.
GOT IT?
Y-YES...
Pfft.
Hngh!
HA HA HA HA HA!!!

IF I DIED...
...LADY BELNIKA WOULD BE FREE.
THE OLD FART MUST BE PRETTY IMPORTANT TO YOU...!
I SERIOUSLY DOUBT YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH THE GUY...
SO WHAT IS IT? ENVY?
クハハハハ...
つか つか
パサァ
LOOK.
WE'VE ARRIVED.
ズオオオオオ...
IT'S THE ALTAR OF BIRTH.
CRACK

HARDNER!!!
!
THE RESISTANCE?!
THEY CAME AFTER US!!
YUMA.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
FIFTEEN YEARS, GIVE OR TAKE?

YOUR SCHEME IS OVER, HARDNER!!
I'M HERE TO END IT!!
OH, IS THAT IT? YOU FIGURED OUT MY PLAN AND FLEW STRAIGHT TO MY DOOR.
AS USUAL, YOU'RE ONLY A LITTLE SMARTER THAN YOU LOOK, YUMA.
LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!!
FIFTEEN YEARS IS A LONG TIME. WE'RE PRACTICALLY OLD MEN NOW.
YES...WE WERE THE CUTEST LITTLE PAIR OF PALS.
BUT NOW... NOW WE'RE ENEMIES.
AND WHY IS THAT, DO YOU THINK?

OH... THAT'S RIGHT.
I REMEMBER NOW...
IT WAS THE DEATH OF SOPHIA!!!

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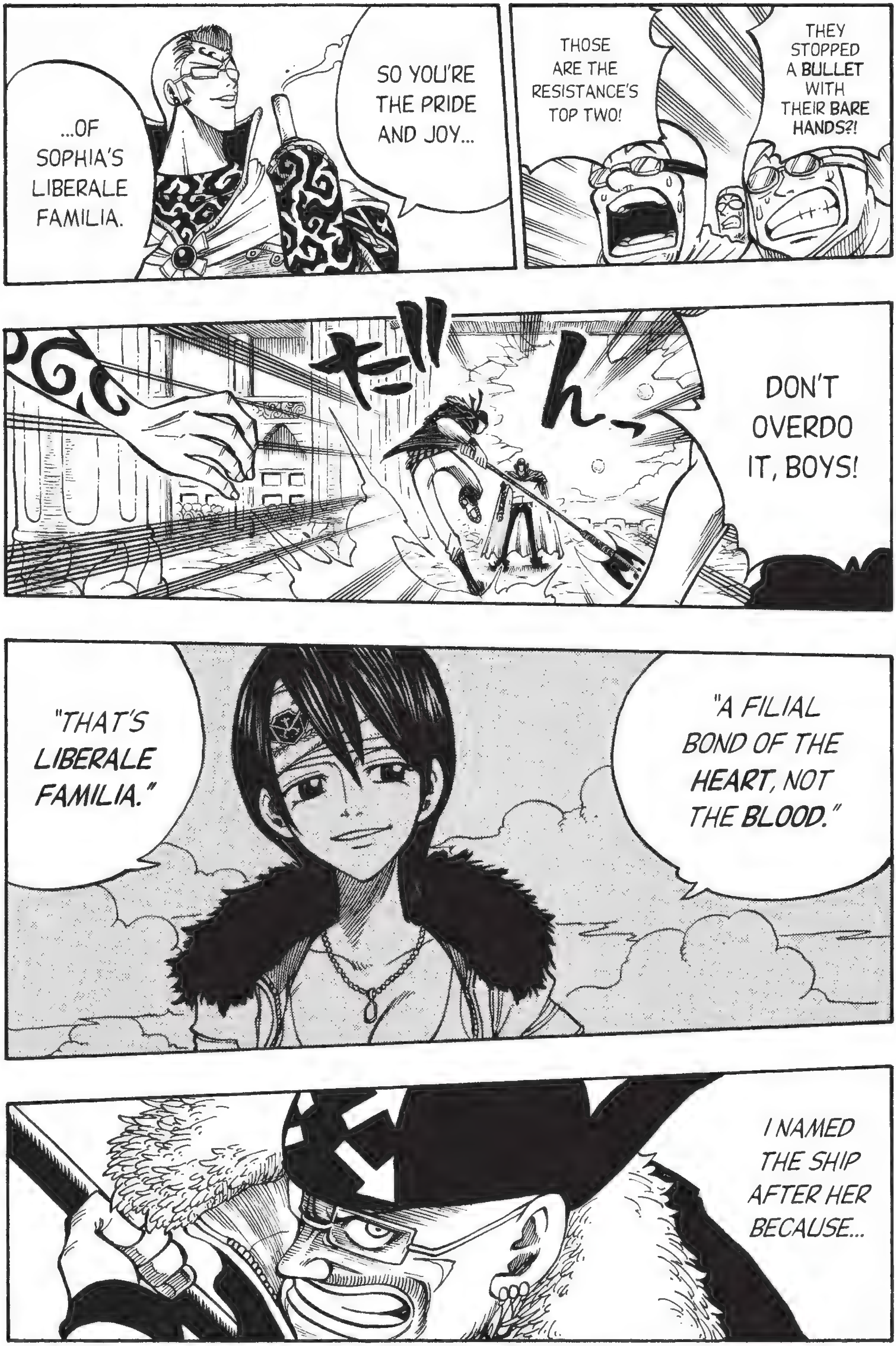
THEY STOPPED A BULLET WITH THEIR BARE HANDS?!
THOSE ARE THE RESISTANCE'S TOP TWO!
SO YOU'RE THE PRIDE AND JOY...
...OF SOPHIA'S LIBERALE FAMILIA.
キー ん
DON'T OVERDO IT, BOYS!
"A FILIAL BOND OF THE HEART, NOT THE BLOOD."
"THAT'S LIBERALE FAMILIA."
I NAMED THE SHIP AFTER HER BECAUSE...

I WANTED HER TO SEE THIS!
!!!
HMPH. FINE.
BUT SHE'S LONG GONE, YOU KNOW.

SO WE REALLY WERE DESTINED TO MEET ON THIS FINAL DAY.
ガシャ
YUMA, SOPHIA...
...AND MY ARM, ALL FROM THAT "INCIDENT."
INCIDENT?
I HAVE TO THROW AWAY MY PAST...
ぶあん
...FOR WHAT'S ABOUT TO BEGIN.

THERE'S NO TURNING BACK.
MY OLD WOUNDS ARE GETTING HEALED.
!
WHAT?!
HIS ARM!!!
LORD HARDNER'S BONDS ARE BROKEN.
MM... HAVEN'T FELT THIS IN A WHILE...
MONSTER!!!
LET'S GO!!!

!!?
DIRT-
BAGS!!

LORD HARDNER'S PAST IS SEVERED.
NOW THE FUTURE WILL BEGIN.
YES...
......
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!!
JOY...
JOY!!!

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WHAT, YUMA?! ARE YOU MAD ABOUT THE PESTS DYING?!
I'M SO DAMN HAPPY... I JUST CAN'T CONTAIN MYSELF!!
WHO'RE YOU ANYWAY?!
J- JELLYBONE ...?
STUPID FAMILY, STUPID LOVE... IT ALL MAKES ME SICK!!
I ORDERED LUNAR TO KILL THE BRATS.
?!
HUH?

JELLYBONE!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!!
I KILLED EVERYONE WHO CAME WITH THE RAVE MASTER!
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT... WHY DON'T YOU COME ON OVER AND KILL ME?!
YOU KILLED THEM?
JELLYBONE! CALM DOWN!!
W-WAIT, PLEASE!!
LOOK AT HIM! HE'S TIED UP!
HE COULDN'T HAVE DONE ANYTHING! STOP, PLEASE!!

BLAM
THAT WAS CLOSE.
YUMA WAS SERIOUS.
DID YOU JUST TRY TO MAKE YUMA KILL YOU, FOGIE?
TSK, TSK... I DON'T THINK SO. YOU'RE MY PRECIOUS HOSTAGE.

STOP PLAYING GAMES.
ヒョオオオ…
I JUST KILLED YUMA...
...BECAUSE OF YOU.

DADDY!!!
うわあああ
ズニャッ
NNGH!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ANYONE, KILL ME!!!

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NOW...
IT'S TIME FOR THE CEREMONY OF BIRTH TO BEGIN!!

RAVE MASTER
HOT DINER
OPEN

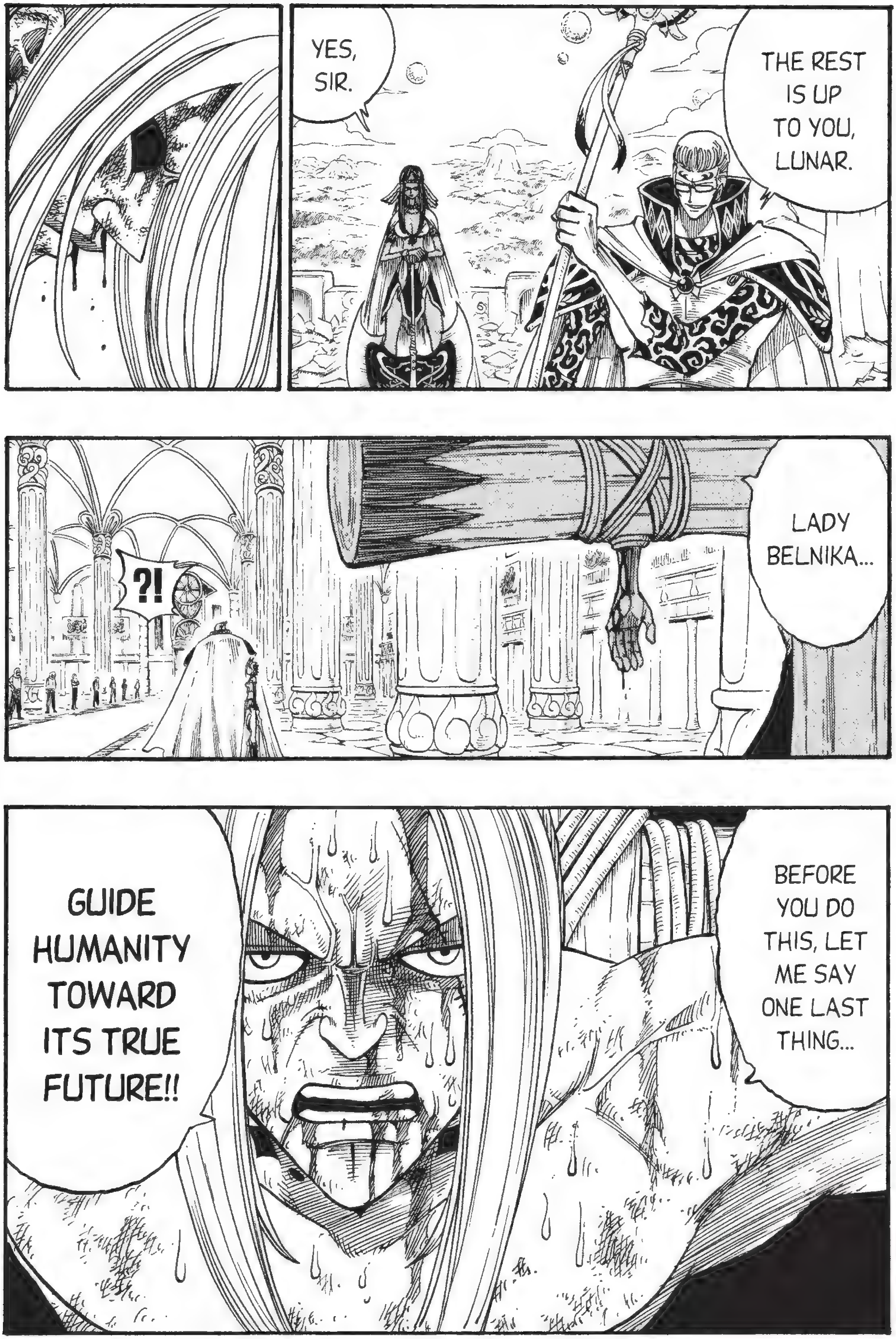
RAVE:214 ✚ CROSSROADS OF THE FUTURE

THE ALTAR OF BIRTH!!
A REGULATOR OF LIFE. IT'S FORBIDDEN GROUND!!
スタタタタッ
IT REGULATES LIFE?
THAT SURE BEATS SOMETHING THAT REGULATES DEATH.
WHAT IS THIS PLACE FOR, I WONDER?
BIRTHDAY PARTIES, POYO!
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS...
...BUT IT MUST BE SOMETHING WORTH... ...FORBIDDING ENTRY TO!
!
ピロッ
ズ
テェェ!
......!!!
GAAAH!!
POYO!!
ズババァ
DUDE!! WARN US BEFORE YOU BRAKE!!
WHAT IS IT, POYO?

JULIA'S SCENT...!
HUH?
BUT AREN'T WE AFTER HARU'S "SCENT"?
IT'S MIXED WITH BLOOD!
HARU IS AHEAD! I'LL CONVENE WITH JULIA!
ダッ
THIS AIN'T THE TIME FOR LOVE, OLD MAN!!!
ER...I'M INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT SPLITTING UP FURTHER IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.
あせっ
WHAT NOW, POYO?
LET'S JUST GO. ROVER CAN TRACK OUR SMELL AND FOLLOW US LATER.
WE'VE GOTTA FIND HARU...!
I WISH TO SMELL ELIE'S SMELL, TOO!
HOW SCAN-DALOUS, SIR.
スタタタタ

waterpress
repay a person's kindness
JULIA!!!
AREA 7
!!!
IT'S OKAY.
I'M ALIVE, SEE?

ヒョオオオ
I HAVE TO HAND IT TO THE MYSTIC REALM--IT'S GOT A DECENT BREEZE.
ALL RIGHT, BELNIKA.
TIME TO GO TO THE ALTAR.
......
A-ALL RIGHT...


THE REST IS UP TO YOU, LUNAR.
YES, SIR.
LADY BELNIKA...
?!
BEFORE YOU DO THIS, LET ME SAY ONE LAST THING...
GUIDE HUMANITY TOWARD ITS TRUE FUTURE!!

QUIET, YOU!!
OOF!!
I WISH YOU WOULD DIE!!!
TH-THE F-F-FUTURE OF...
...HU... MANITY!
OH, PUH-*LEASE.*

HUMANITY DOESN'T HAVE A FUTURE.
BUT I DO!!
THE FUTURE CAN NO LONGER BE CHANGED...

DANGER
ガシャ!!
CATFIGHT!
ブシャ!!
I'M REALLY...
ガコ!!
...VERY FRIGHTENED!
HNH!!

THIS STINKS! WHY CAN'T WE BEAT THIS **INSECT GIRL** WHEN WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER?!
!
YEAH... HUH?
INSECT?!
UM, I'M **PRETTY** SURE SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A **CAT**.
BUT SHE HANGS FROM CEILINGS...!
...
ざわ ざわ ざわ
DID YOU CALL ME...
...A **BUG**?!
I... YOU...
HATE! HATE!!
ガ!!コォ!!
I HATE YOU!!!
AAAAAH!!!

ドド…
ドギ ギギ…
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT?!
たじっ
ELECTRIC DRESS.
SURE, IT PRICKLES...
...BUT I KINDA LIKE IT.
FOOM
ドギギギ…
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?!
MAYBE A MASOCHIST?
REALLY HATE YOU.
NN...

ELECTRIC CLAW!!!
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ズ
!
IT'S GONNA CONDUCT!
ELIE, JUMP!
HUH?
JUST DO IT!!

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LIGHTNING?!
ビビビビ
IT'S ELECTRICITY!!
ボン
ビビビ
ボン
GG...
GAAH!!!
MY HAIR!!!
ボビビビ
NNGH!
ガシャ
SHOOT WITH ME, ELIE!
!
GOTCHA!!!

ずっ
ずっ
ずっ
ギュルルルル
THE BULLETS!!
BULLET DRESS.
I CAN WEAR ANYTHING. YOU'LL FIND THAT NOTHING WORKS AGAINST ME.
ふわぁ…
WHOA!
MM?
INSECT.
ビョーー！
I knew it!

HATE WITHOUT MERCY!!!
EEK!!
SHE CAN USE HER DRESS AS A WEAPON!
OW!
NAGISA!!
YOU GUYS SAY SO MUCH ANNOYING STUFF!!
I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY HATE YOU!!!
HUH?!
OH, NO...!! I'M OUT!!

OUT? HA!! THEN BEHOLD...
...MY BEST DRESS!!
FULL ARMOR DRESS!!!
I ONLY USE IT ON PEOPLE I SUPER HATE!!!
DIIIIIE!!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!!

CLANG
THE MAGIC DEFLECTOR?!
YOU'LL LET THE ENEMY FIND YOU!
"I CAN USE MAGIC WITHOUT THE STAFF?"
"OF COURSE YOU CAN."

"TOSS THE BOOK."
"BUT...I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING YET!"
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Good use of the Magic
"YOUR BODY AND MIND ALREADY LEARNED HOW."
"THE STAFF WAS THE TRIGGER."
I CAN ALREADY...
IS THE END OF HER BARREL LIGHTING UP?!
!!!

MAGIC SHOT!!
I CAN ALREADY USE MAGIC!!!
ボゴォ!!

Hah...
Hah...
GOTTA... FIND THE OTHERS.
Hah...
Hah...
INSECT GIRL SAID...THE OPERATION WAS ST-STARTING...
ズシャ!
WE HAVE TO HURRY...!
THE WORLD DEPENDS ON IT!!
NICE VIEW, HUH?
IT LOOKS LIKE A TRASH HEAP FROM FAR AWAY... BUT IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE UP CLOSE.

A HOLY PLACE FOR A HOLY CEREMONY.
IT'S A FITTING WELCOME FOR ME.
BELNIKA...
HUMANS HAVE A LOT OF THEORIES ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF LIFE.
SOME SAY GOD CREATED US. OTHERS THINK WE CAME FROM SPACE.
SOME PEOPLE EVEN SAY WE STARTED AS A MIX OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS.
IT DOESN'T MATTER, REALLY.

THE SUMMIT OF THIS TEMPLE...
...WILL GRANT ME THE POWER OF THAT SOURCE OF LIFE.
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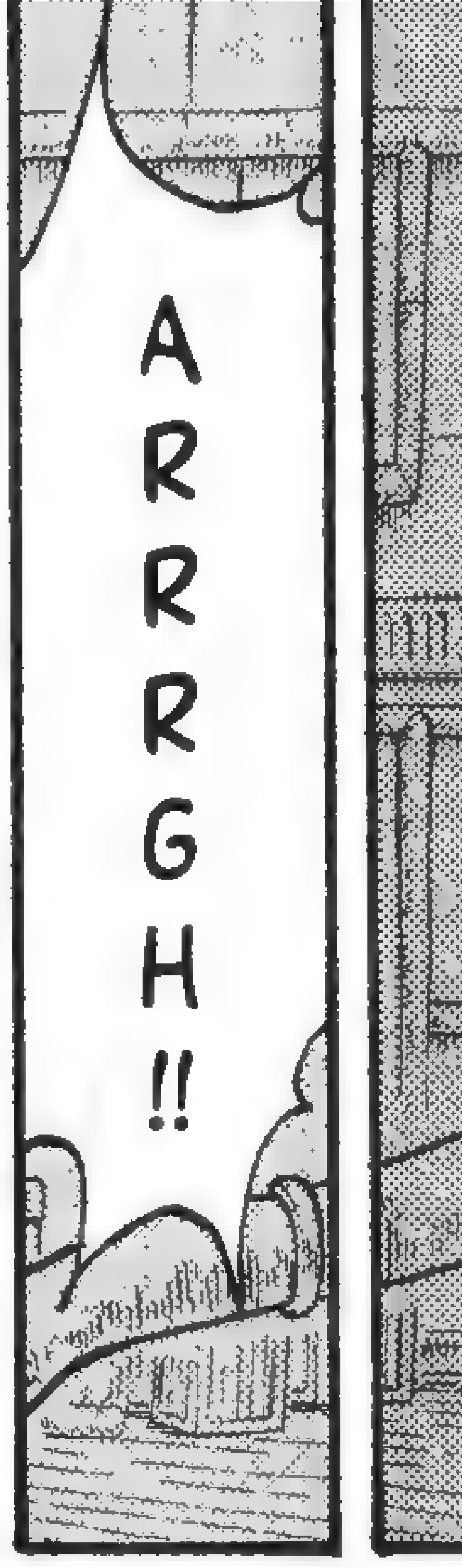
GO ON, NOW.
BRING ENDLESS HERE.
"GUIDE HUMANITY TOWARD ITS TRUE FUTURE!!"
......
Hah...
Hah...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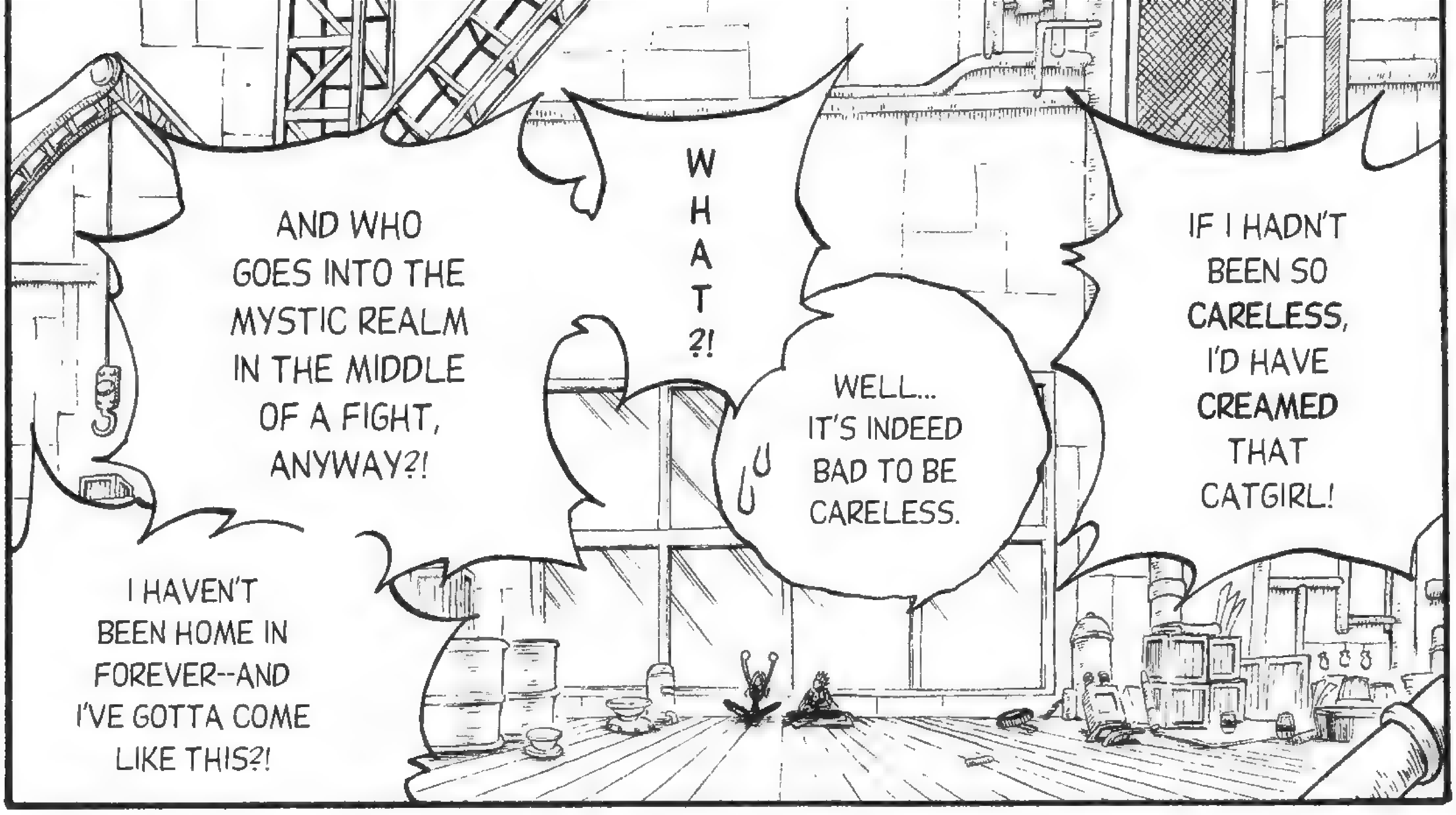
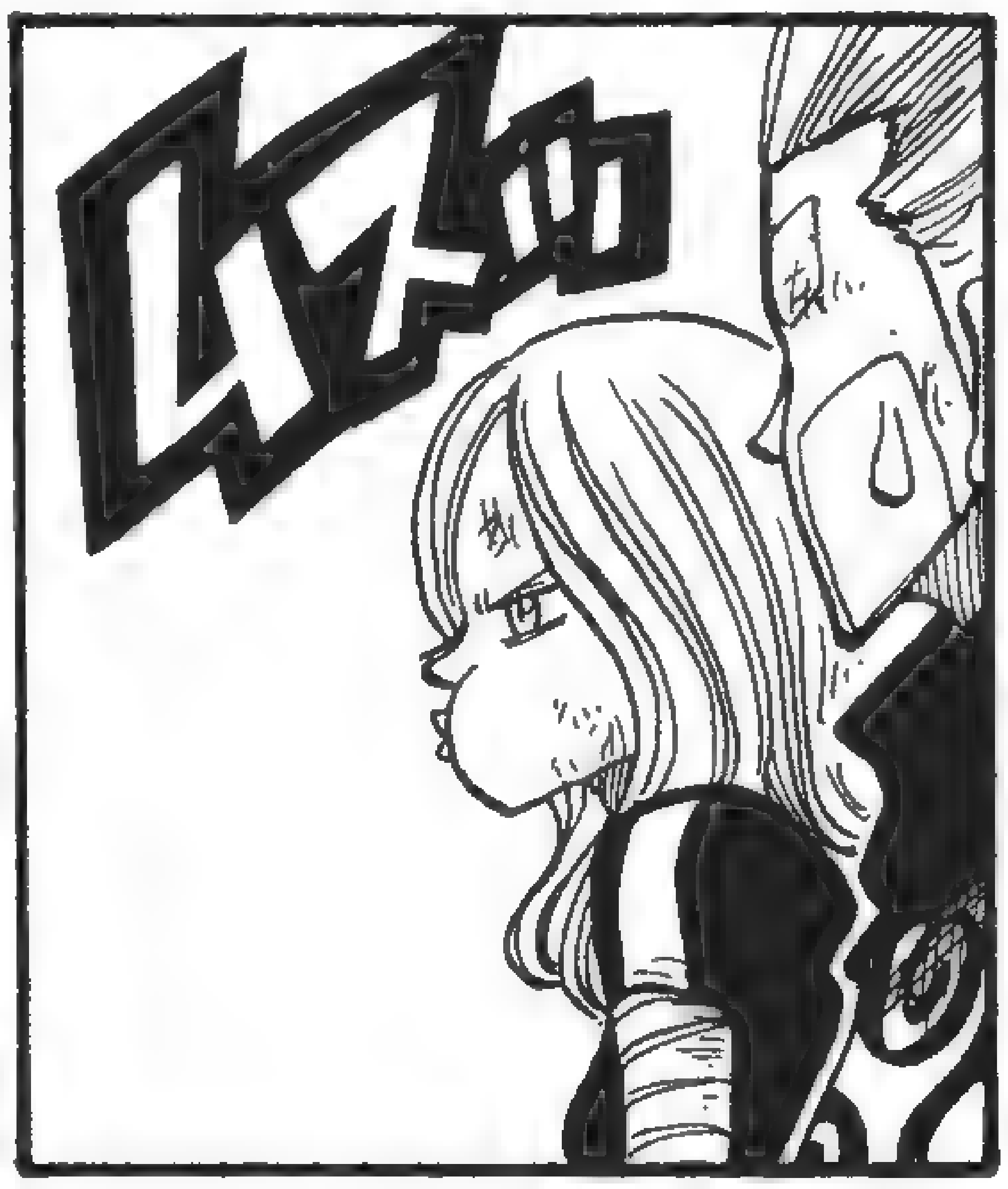

IF I HADN'T BEEN SO CARELESS, I'D HAVE CREAMED THAT CATGIRL!
WELL... IT'S INDEED BAD TO BE CARELESS.
WHAT?!
AND WHO GOES INTO THE MYSTIC REALM IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT, ANYWAY?!
I HAVEN'T BEEN HOME IN FOREVER--AND I'VE GOTTA COME LIKE THIS?!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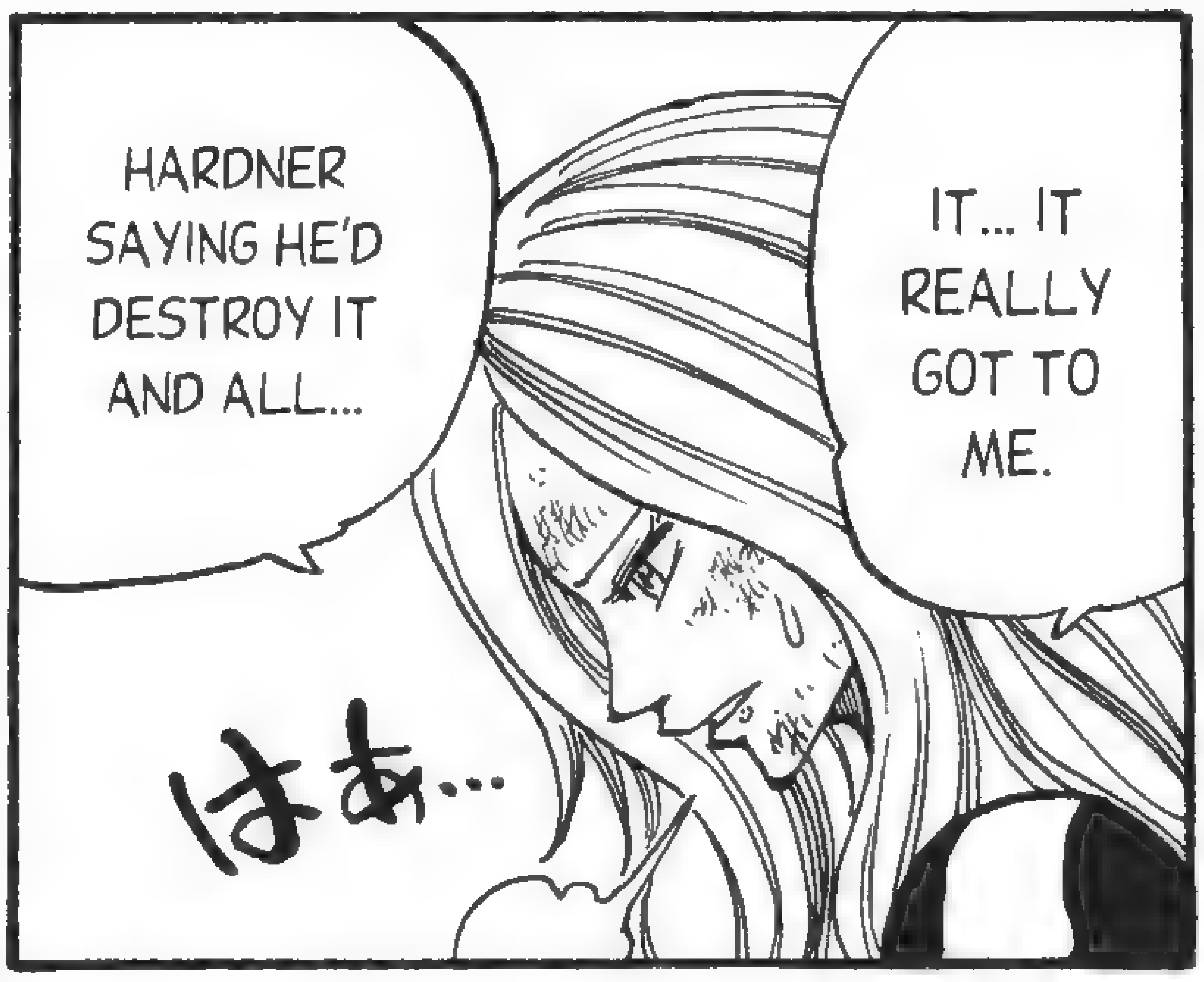
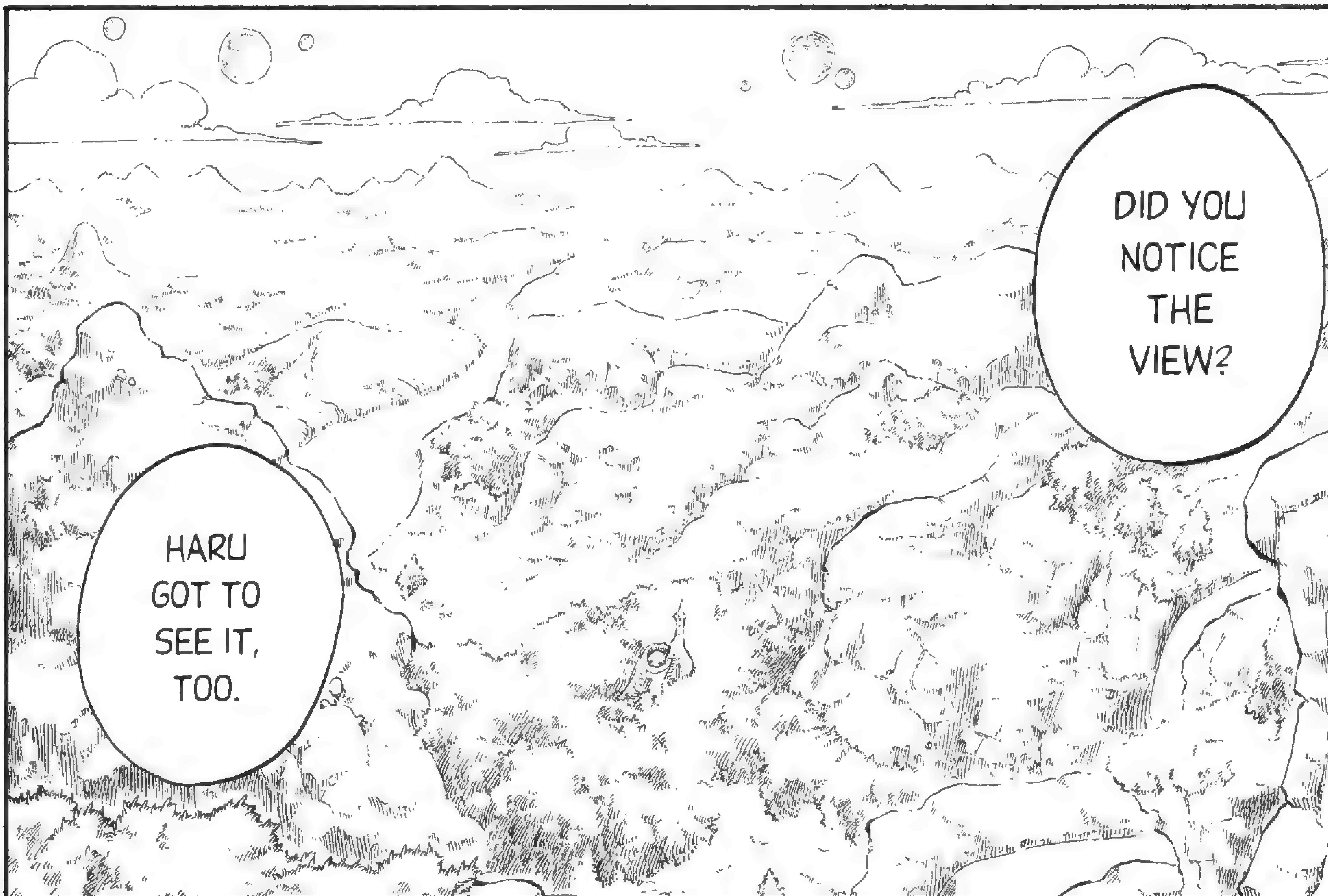

IT... IT REALLY GOT TO ME.
HARDNER SAYING HE'D DESTROY IT AND ALL...
はあ…


DID YOU NOTICE THE VIEW?
HARU GOT TO SEE IT, TOO.

SIR REEVIL... ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
SHADDAP!!!
AAAAAH!!!
Stinky!
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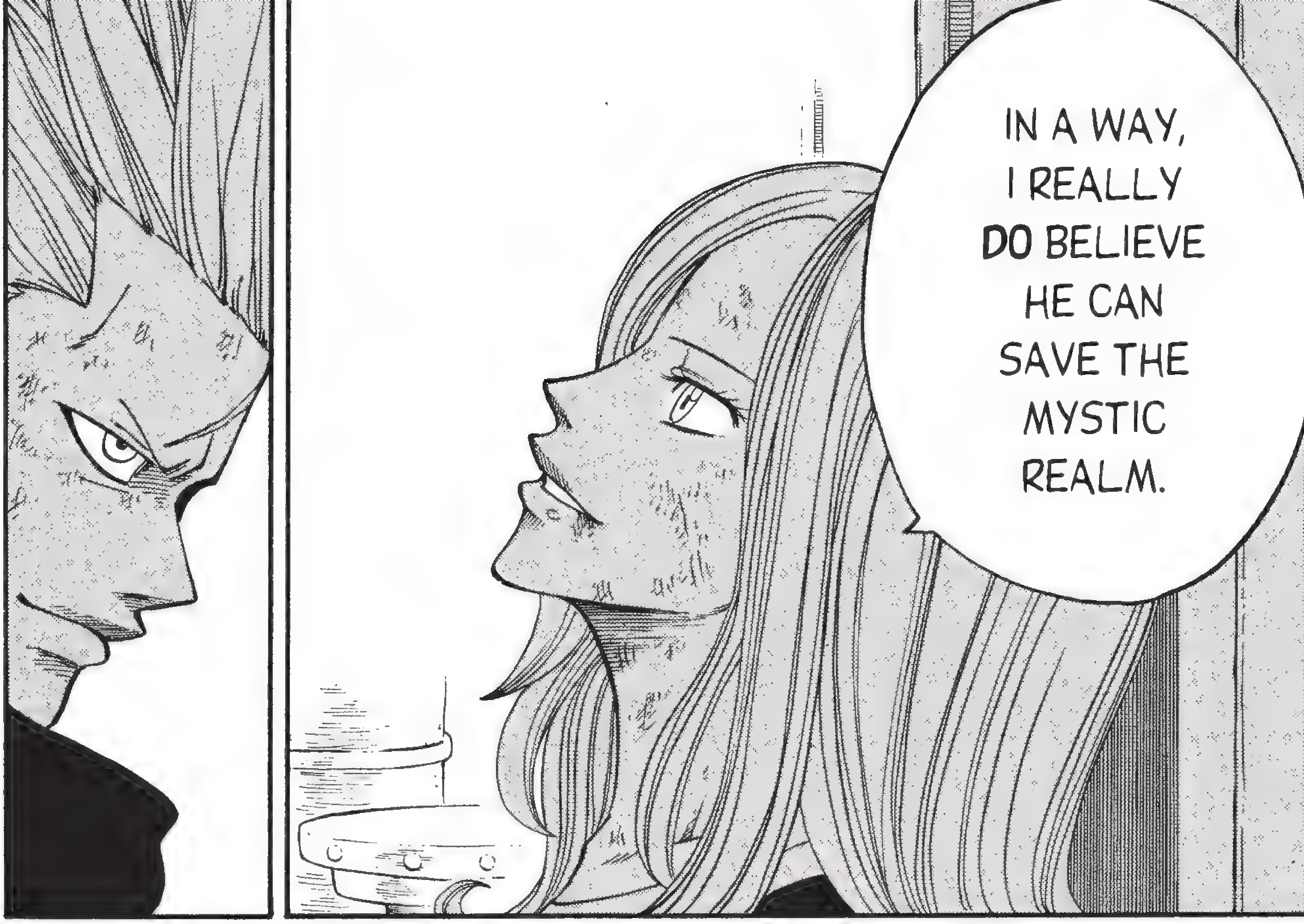
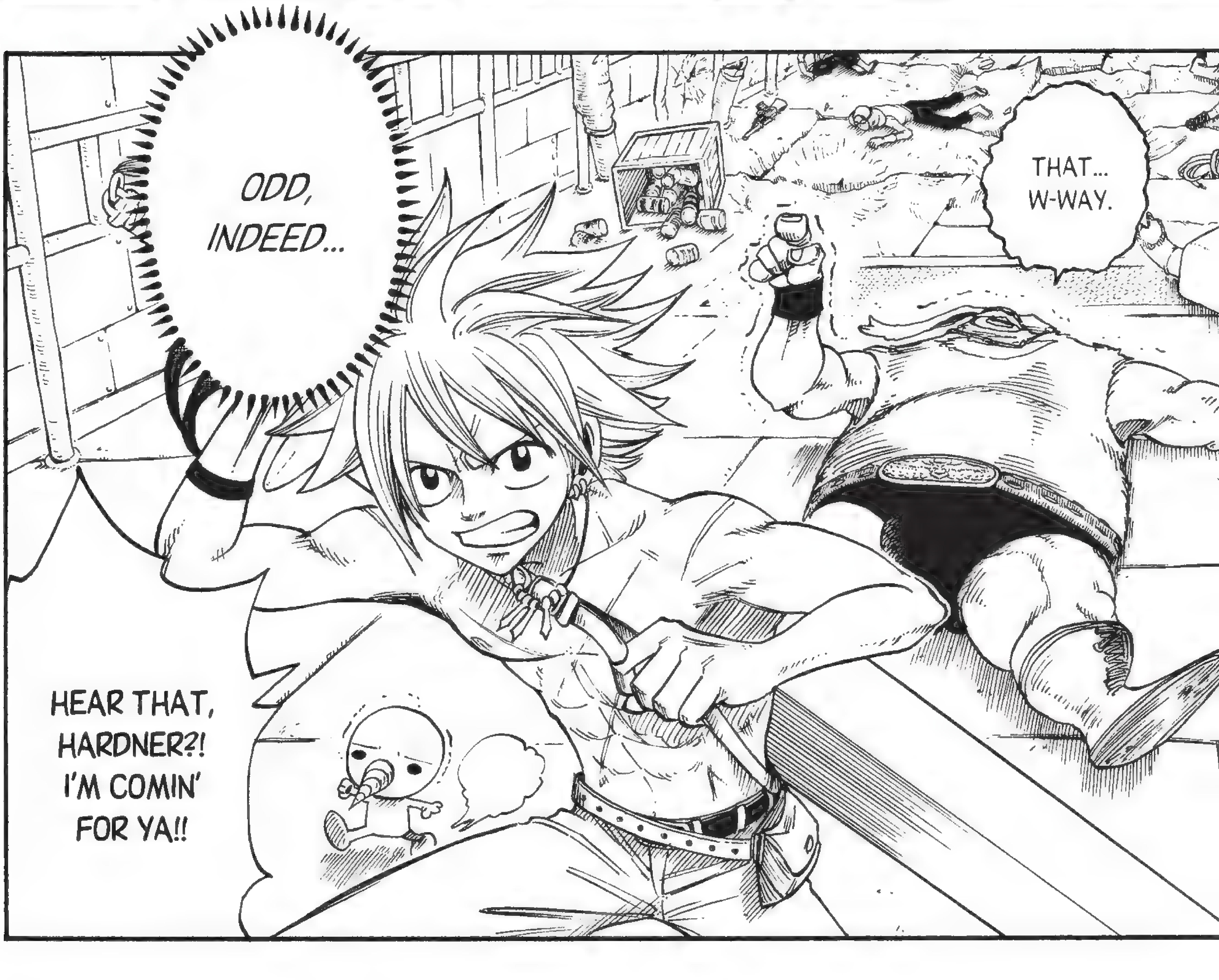
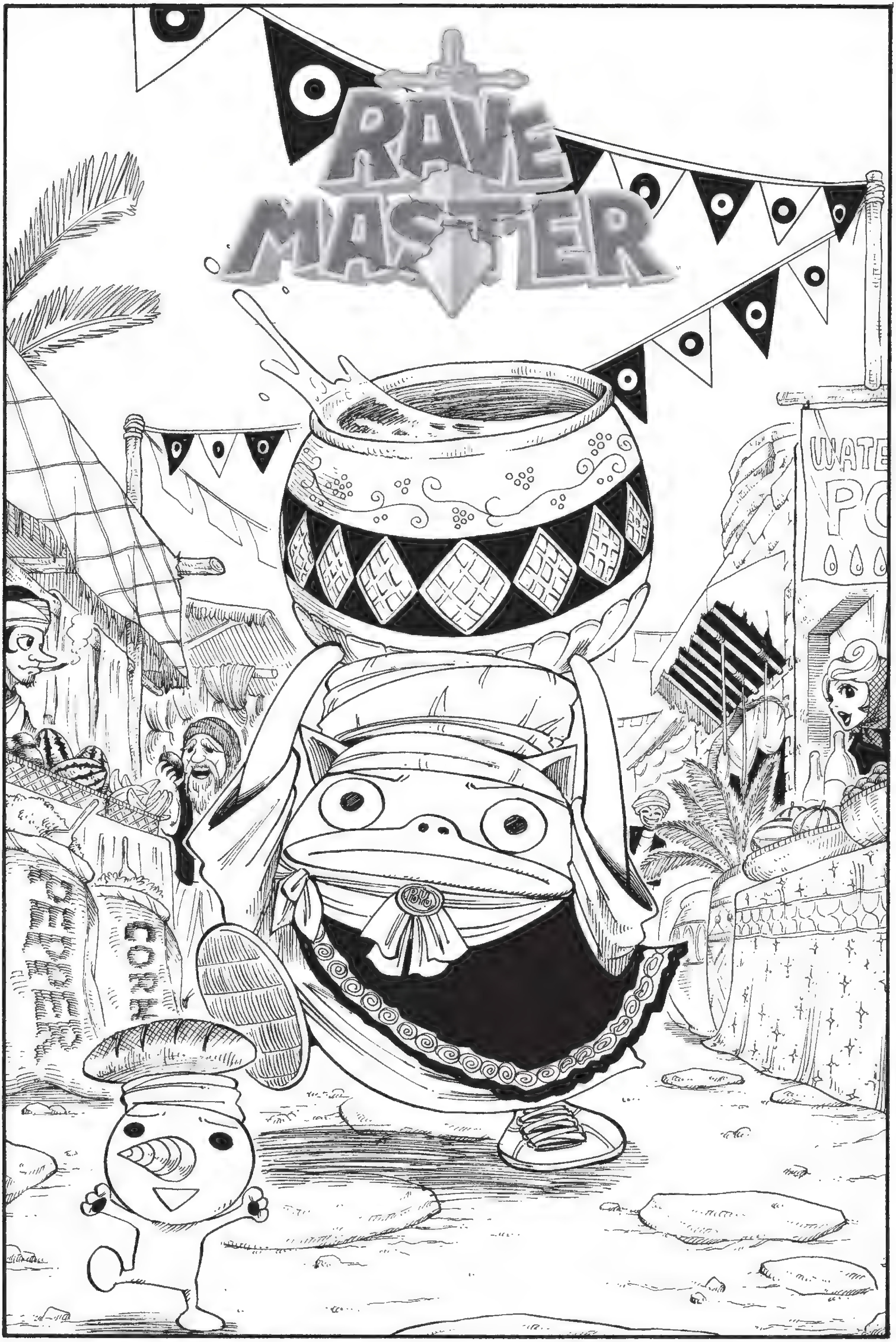
フォフォフォフォ
I'M ALL FIXED UP! AND NOW IT'S TIME TO DO UNTO OTHERS WHAT THEY DID UNTO ME.
CRICK
AND THOSE MUTTS WEASELED THEIR WAY INTO THE ALBATROSS, EVEN...!
OUR POOR OPERATION!
SIX GUARD CAN'T LIE AROUND AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
ゴゴゴゴゴ
MM? I HEAR SOME RACKET. MAYBE FIGHTING?
I'D BETTER GO CHECK...
わわわ
CRACK
CRACK
SO...WHAT DID HARU SAY?
HMPH.
WELL, HE'S AN ODD ONE.

WHERE'S HARDNER?!
HE CALLED IT "PRETTY."
KRICK


IN A WAY, I REALLY **DO** BELIEVE HE CAN SAVE THE MYSTIC REALM.


THAT... W-WAY.
ODD, INDEED...
HEAR THAT, HARDNER?! I'M COMIN' FOR YA!!


RAVE MASTER
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RAVE:215 IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

ブオオオオ…
BELNIKA...
GET STARTED.
....
ALL RIGHT.

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つか…
THE TRUE PATH...
フロアーアアァ…
...TO HUMANITY'S ...

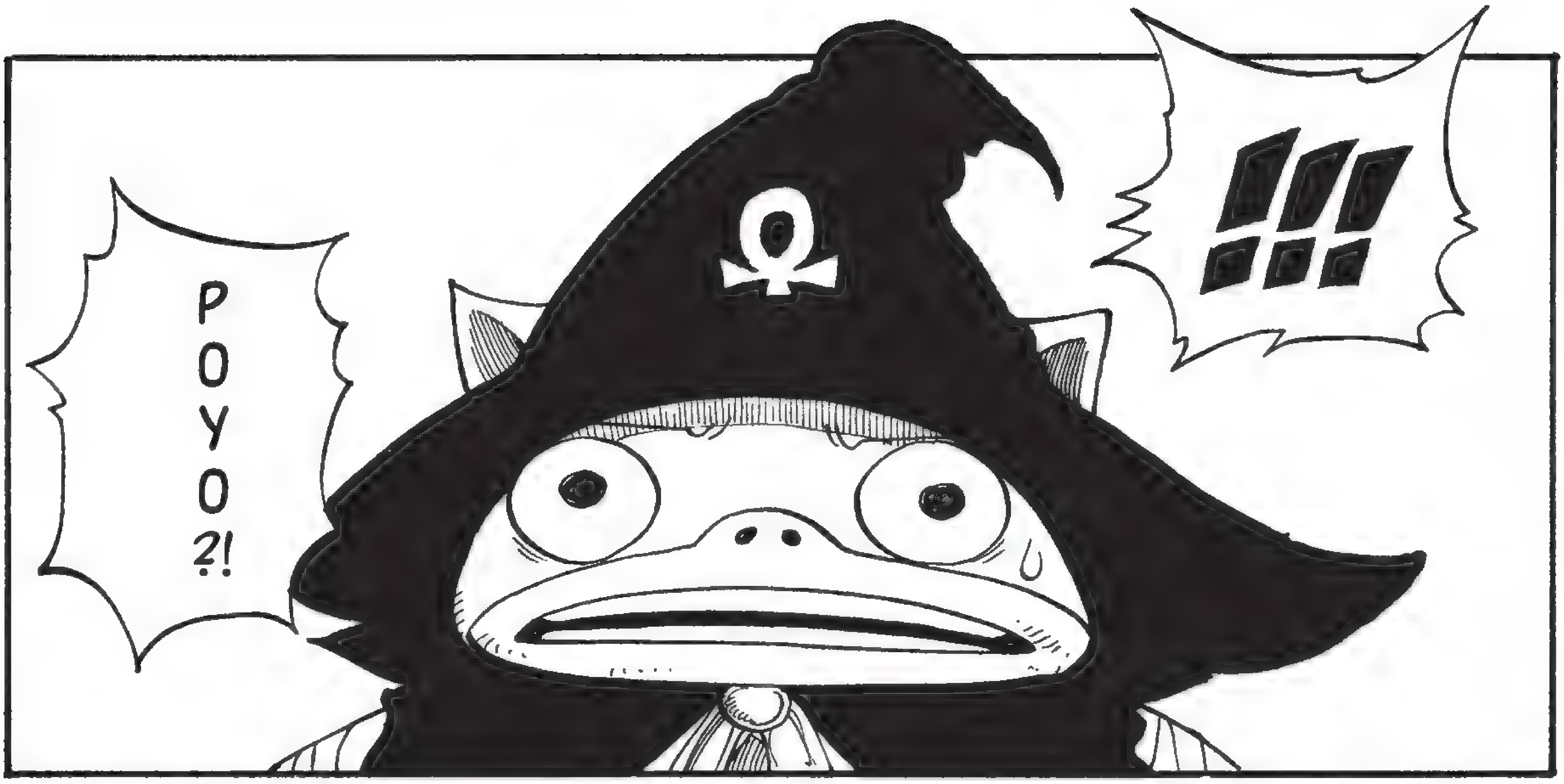
... FUTURE !!!
!!
GAAH!
Hah...
Hah...

Meanwhile, back on Liberale Familia...
LOOK AT THOSE CLOUDS GATHERING AROUND THE RUINS.
STORM CLOUDS?
NO, GENIUS. IF THEY WERE STORM CLOUDS, THE AIR WOULDN'T BE CALM.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR STUPID ARGUMENTS.
WHO YOU CALLIN' STUPID, BUTTHEAD?!
YOU WANNA FIGHT, JERK?!
I'LL KICK YOUR BUTT!!
YOU AND WHAT ARMY?!
YOU'RE ASKIN' FOR IT!
GAAAAH!
OH, MAN... DADDY AND NANAHOSHI LEAVE...AND THIS HAPPENS...!!
PIPE DOWN, SCUMBAGS!
WHAT WAS THAT?
MY DADDY IMITATION.
HEY, ACTING CAPTAIN--DO SOMETHING!
!!
The Resistance-- Acting Captain Chadok
OKAY...
I-I WILL.
ALL TURRETS, OPEN FIRE!! SINGLE VOLLEY!!!
NOT THAT!! DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM!!!
YES! IT'S FIXED!
NAGISA?!

DADDY, ARE YOU THERE? SORRY, WE HAD AN ACCIDENT...
BUT ELIE AND I ARE STILL OKAY.
RIGHT?
?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
NAGISA! DADDY AND THE BROS BOARDED THE ALBATROSS!
WHAT? WHY?!
I DUNNO. HE JUST FLEW OFF WITHOUT TELLING US...
THEN...MAYBE HE FIGURED OUT WHAT HARDNER'S REALLY AFTER...!
I HOPE DADDY AND THE OTHERS ARE OKAY.
PLEASE! YOU GUYS ACTUALLY THINK DADDY MIGHT LOSE?
HE'S TOUGHER THAN THAT! HE'S A MOUNTAIN OF A MAN!

MOUNTAIN?
PFF!
HA HA HA!
NICE ONE!
A MOUNTAIN!
MT. DADDY!
?!
ANYWAY, I'LL HOOK UP WITH DADDY. YOU WAIT THERE.
ROGER!
HA HA HA!
CLICK
DADDY'S INSIDE SOMEWHERE...
BUT HOW CAN I FIND HIM? I KNOW SOMETIMES TWINS CAN SENSE EACH OTHER... MAYBE THE FATHER-DAUGHTER BOND WORKS THE SAME WAY...
OR...I CAN STOP THINKING UP STUPID IDEAS.
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU CAN'T TELL?
UH, NO.
I'M CONCENTRATING.

MAGIC USERS CAN SENSE EACH OTHER'S POWER.
IF I CONCENTRATE, RUBY MIGHT BE ABLE...
So I almost had a point?!
...TO SENSE MY MAGIC DEFENSE.
BUT BG HAS MAGIC RADAR!
IF THEY FIND YOU, THEY'LL BE HERE IN A HEARTBEAT!!
I'LL WAIT HERE-- BUT YOU SHOULD GET GOING.
IT'S GOOD IF THEY CAPTURE ME NOW.
THEY NEED ME TO USE THE STAFF TO CALL ENDLESS.
THAT'LL BE MY CHANCE TO BREAK THE STAFF.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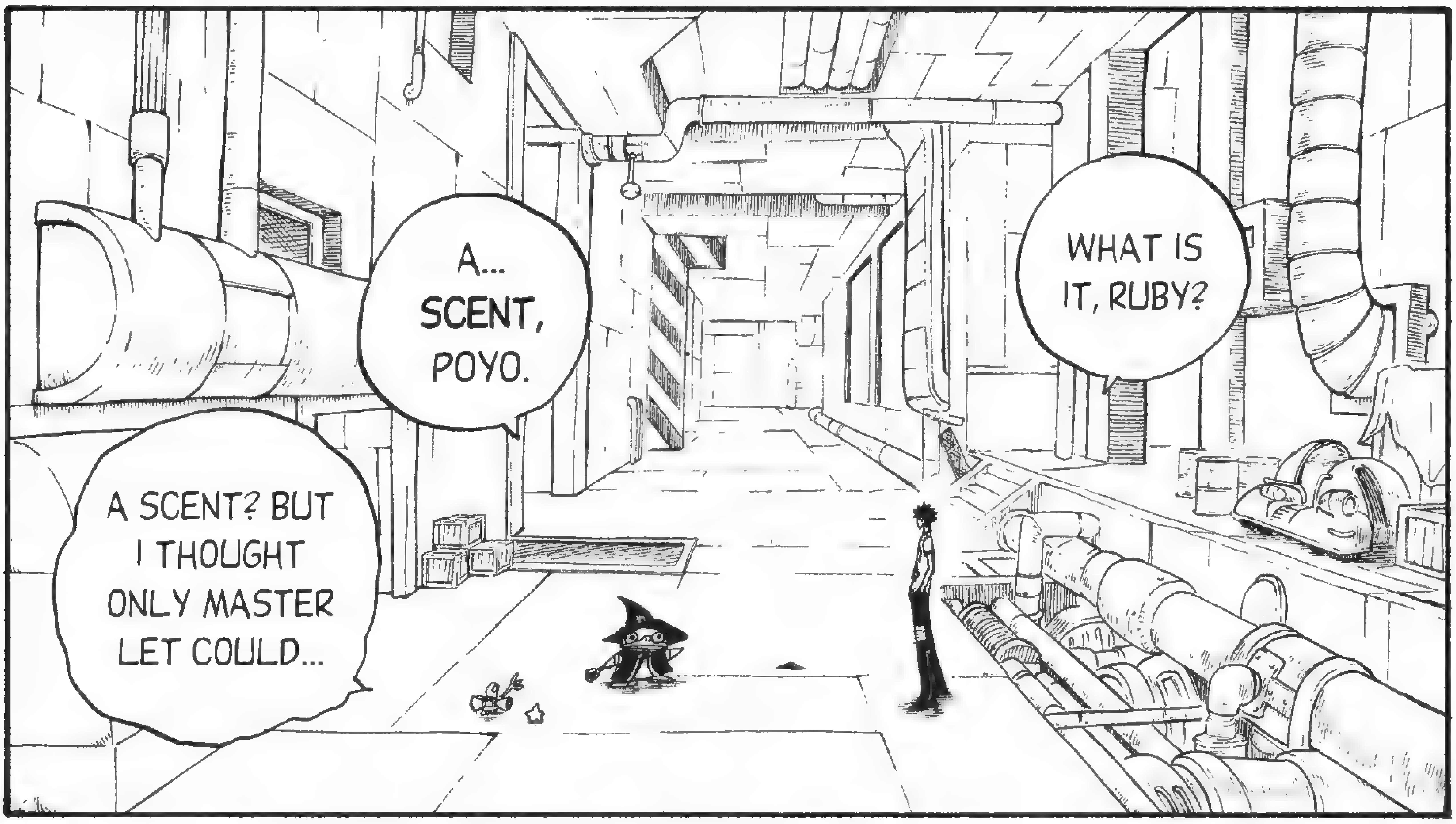
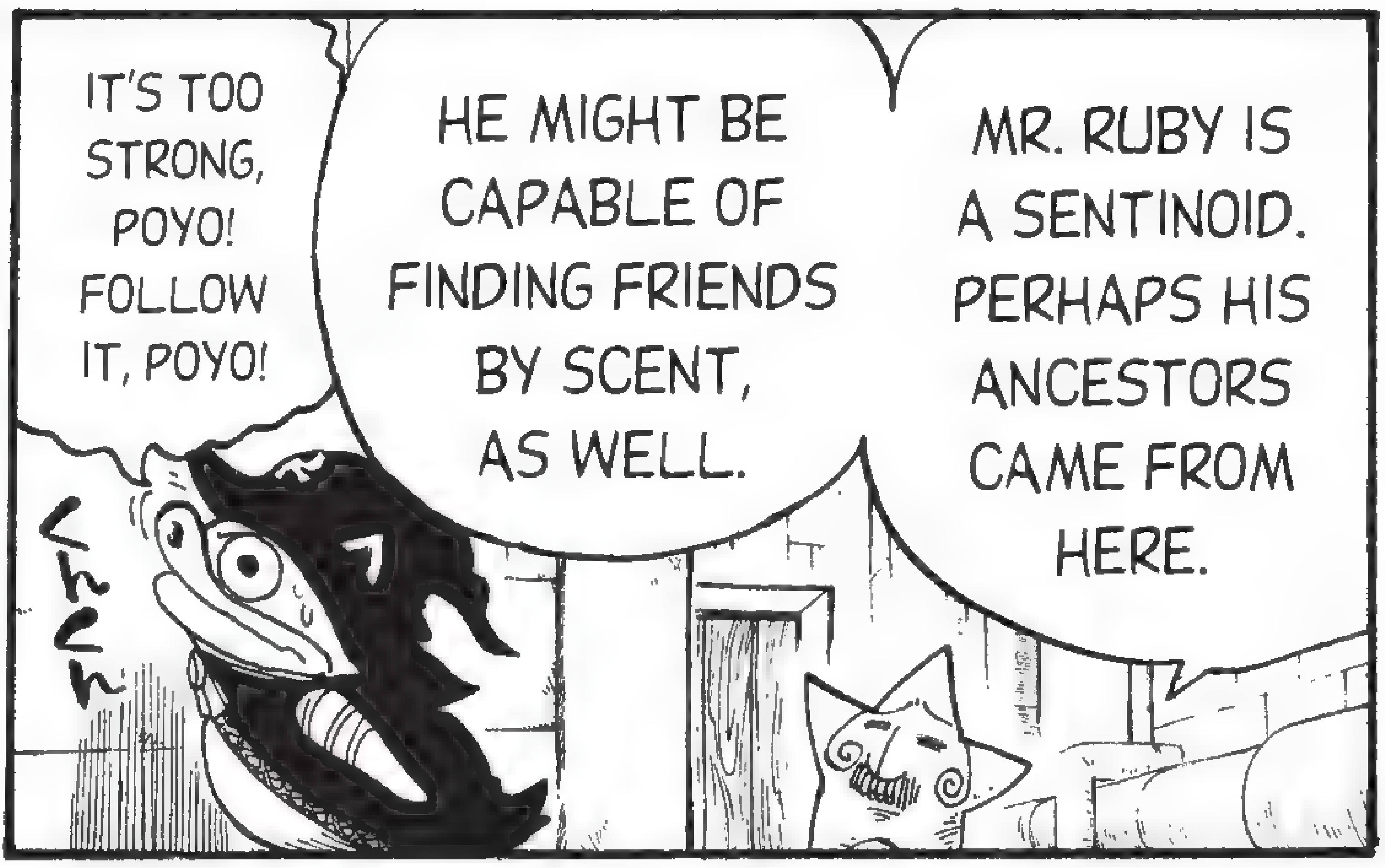
POYO?!


WHAT IS IT, RUBY?
A... SCENT, POYO.
A SCENT? BUT I THOUGHT ONLY MASTER LET COULD...


MR. RUBY IS A SENTINOID. PERHAPS HIS ANCESTORS CAME FROM HERE.
HE MIGHT BE CAPABLE OF FINDING FRIENDS BY SCENT, AS WELL.
IT'S TOO STRONG, POYO! FOLLOW IT, POYO!
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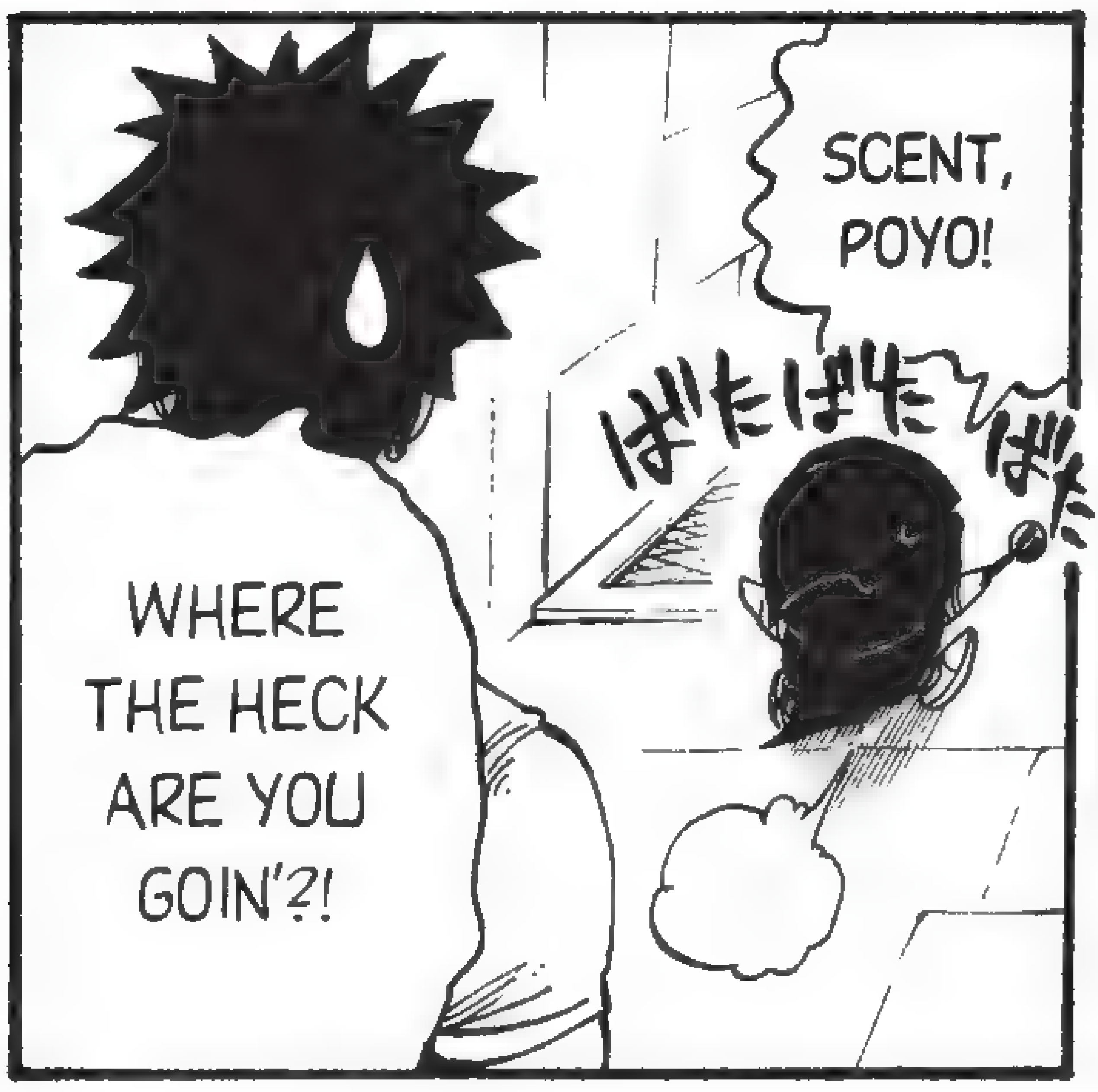
SCENT, POYO!
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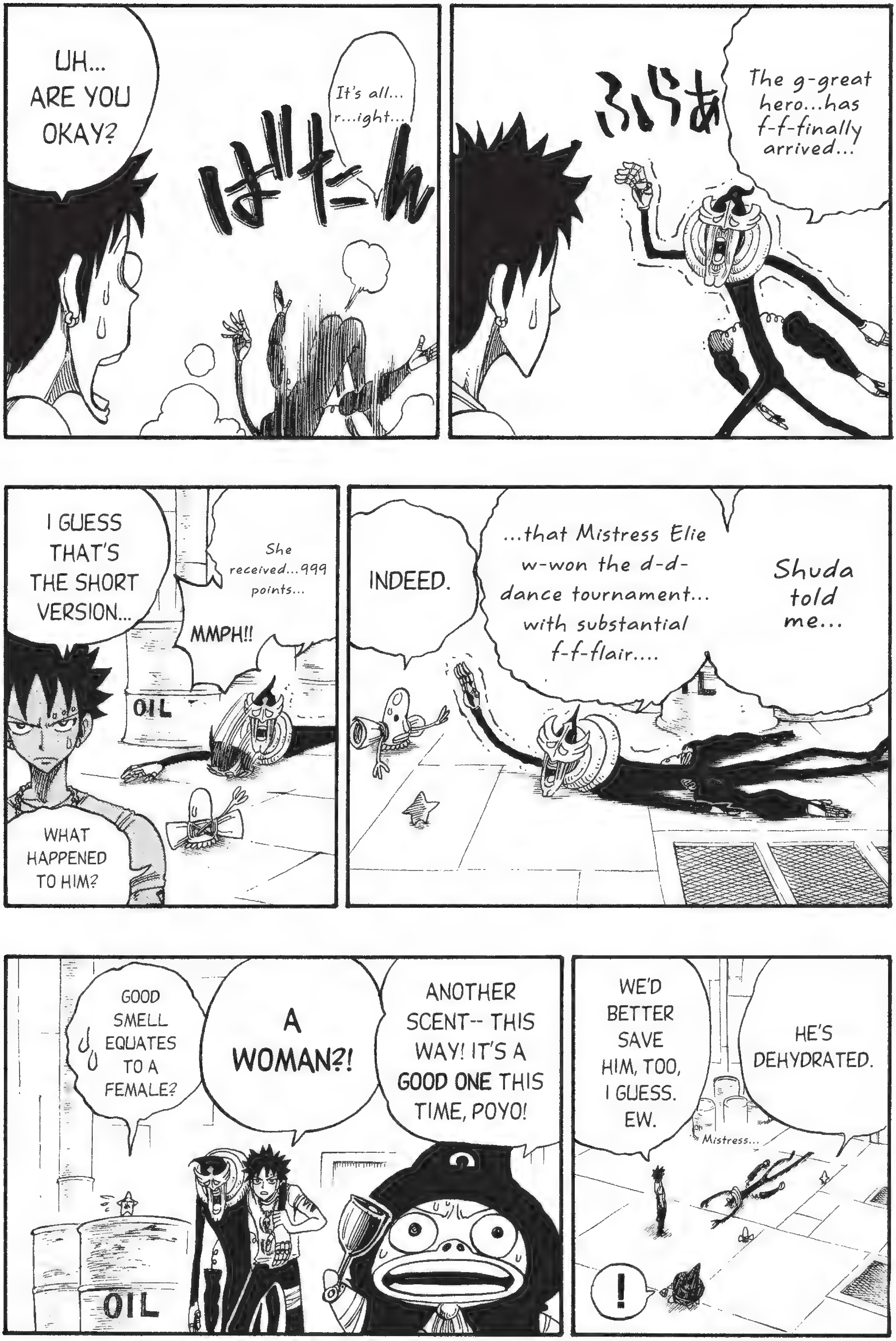
WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU GOIN'?!

SO... STINKY!!!
IT'S FROM HERE, POYO...
NO CRAP!!
Men's Bathroom
つーん
I'M DYING FROM THE STENCH, POYO!
ごろん
ごろん
HOLD ON, MASTER RUBY!
HEY, YOU BROUGHT US HERE!
GRAB
OH... MUSICA.
...RRRRRRRG
LAZENBY?!


ふらあ
The g-great hero...has f-f-finally arrived...
ばたーん
It's all... r...ight...
UH... ARE YOU OKAY?
Shuda told me...
...that Mistress Elie w-won the d-d-dance tournament... with substantial f-f-flair....
INDEED.
She received...999 points...
MMPH!!
OIL
I GUESS THAT'S THE SHORT VERSION...
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
HE'S DEHYDRATED.
WE'D BETTER SAVE HIM, TOO, I GUESS. EW.
Mistress...
!
ANOTHER SCENT-- THIS WAY! IT'S A **GOOD ONE** THIS TIME, POYO!
A WOMAN?!
GOOD SMELL EQUATES TO A FEMALE?
OIL

BELNIKA...
WHAT IS THIS?!
HUH?!
ARE YOU THROWING THE GEEZER'S LIFE AWAY?!
ヒョオオオオオ…
NO.
BY BRINGING US BOTH TO THIS PLACE...
...YOU HAVE NO WAY OF HARMING HIM NOW.
I WILL SAVE JELLYBONE BY DEFEATING YOU!
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STUPID GIRL.
DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME?

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
DO YOU THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ETHERION'S MAGIC POWER?!
I WILL END YOUR AMBITIONS HERE!!!

SNAP
WHAT?
THE WOUNDS ...
YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND...
!!
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にゅる
にゅる
にゅる
にゅる
...WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH, GIRLIE!
I'M THE LEADER OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.
ギュル
WH-WHAT IS THIS?!
ぐる
ぐるっ
I AM THE IMMORTAL EXECUTIONER.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME.
UGH!!
ARGH!!
AND NOT JUST YOU AND THE OLD MAN...
...BUT YOUR HOME VILLAGE, IF I FEEL LIKE IT.
GAAAAH!!
NO...
AAAAH!!
I CAN MAKE YOU BEG FOR THE EMBRACE OF DEATH.

YOU CAN'T DIE IF YOU **WANT** TO. MY DB WILL **ALWAYS** BRING YOU **BACK** FOR MORE, AGAIN AND AGAIN...
...FOR AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES.
THIS MAN...
ギリ
ギリ
ギリ
HE'S TOO DANGEROUS! IF I DON'T DEFEAT HIM NOW...
BUT I MUST DEFEAT HIM! I WILL DEFEAT HIM!
TIGHTEN
TIGHTEN
SNAP
CRACK
HAAAH!!
MY BODY'S... FAILING!!
I HAVE TO USE MY LAST RESORT!!

ETHERION RELEASE!!!
ブゥゥオオ゛
ブオオオオ
HURRY UP!!
オォォ
ブオオオ
!
HURRY!!
CAN'T YOU GO ANY FASTER?!
?!
ブオオオオ
げしっ
S-SORRY, SIR! I'M T-T-TRYING!
JUST GO FASTER!!
OKAY!!
オオオオオ…
ブオオオオ…

AH-HA!!!
THERE YOU ARE, HARDNER!!!
EISENMETEOR
THE RAVE MASTER?!
HARU...
EXPLODING SWORD TECHNIQUE...

... METEORA!!!

RAVE
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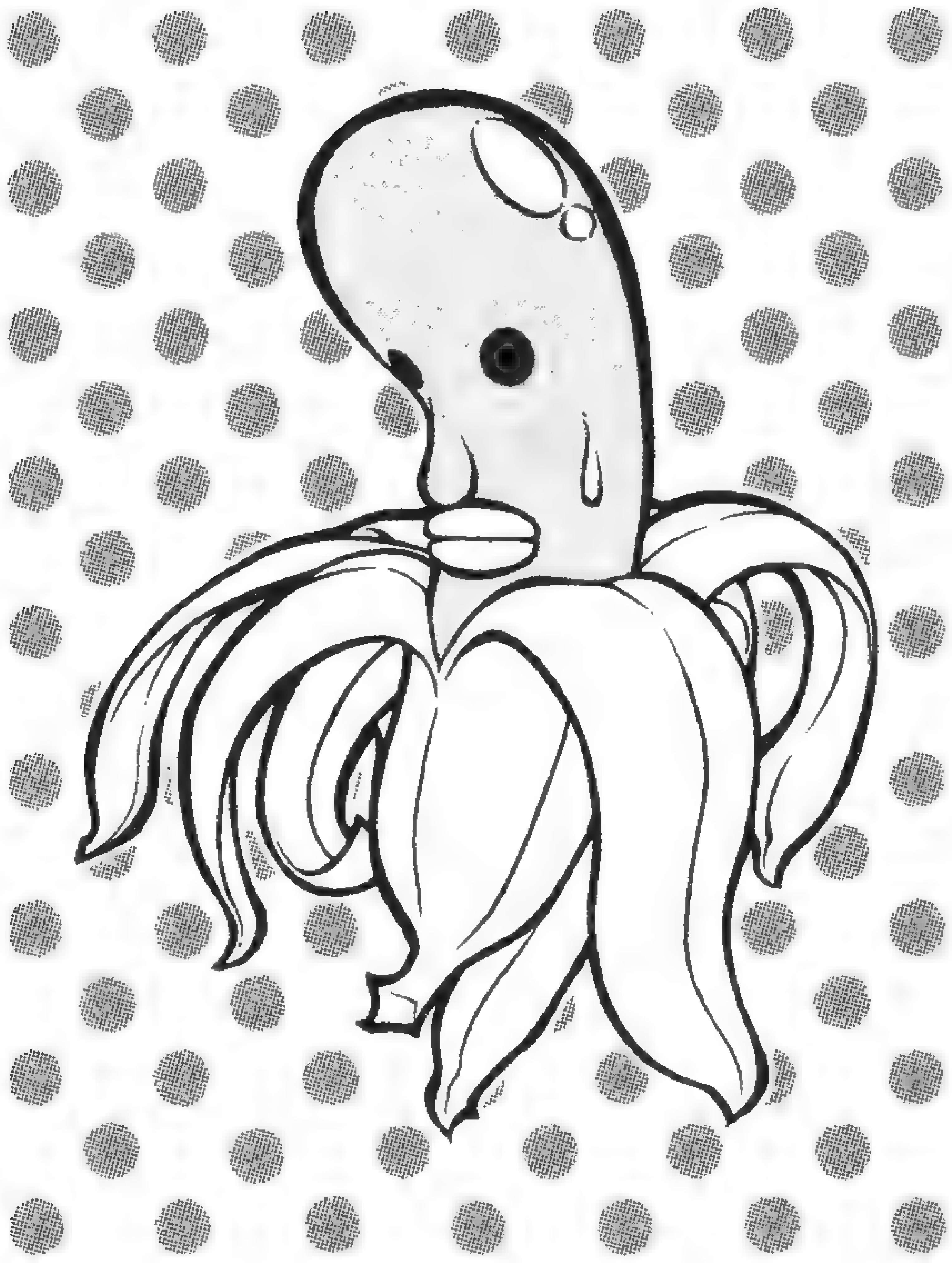

RAVE:216 WAGES OF BLASPHEMY

KRRRSH
KRACK
すたっ
THUMP
HARDNER.

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
HM?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING HERE?!
OH. DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
I'M GOING TO SUMMON ENDLESS...
...USING HER ETHERION POWER.
!
BELNIKA?!
......

ETHERION?! WAIT A MINUTE!!
YOU'RE SAYING BELNIKA...
?!!
HUH?! SHE'S HURT!
HARDNER, THAT'S YOUR ALLY! AREN'T YOU GONNA HELP HER?!
HA HA! I'M THE ONE WHO HURT HER IN THE FIRST PLACE, GENIUS!
THAT GIRL'S BEEN A GUINEA PIG SINCE HER PIGLET DAYS.
CRUD!!
HER PURPOSE IS TO OBTAIN ETHERION ARTIFICIALLY.
I'M SIMPLY USING HER ABILITY.
THE FORCE THAT ENDED THE GOLDEN AGE OF DIVINE POWER...
YOU OKAY?!
IS THAT STAFF...?
Hack!!
Nngh!!
THE FORCE THAT DROVE HUMAN SCIENCE AND CREATIVITY TO NEW HEIGHTS!

WHY THE HECK DO YOU WANNA SUMMON ENDLESS?!
ヒョオオオオオ…
I WANT TO FORGET EVERYTHING.

HUH?!
NOTHING SATISFIES MY GREED.
EVERYTHING I HAVE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH!
I WANT IT ALL!
EVERYTHING!!
MY DESIRE...
I CAN'T QUENCH IT!!
EVEN IF THE SEA, THE SKY, THE ENTIRE WORLD WAS MINE--IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH!!
UH...THEN YOU'LL NEVER BE HAPPY, WILL YOU?
I KNOW! AND IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME TO BEAR!
THAT'S WHY I NEED ENDLESS!

I'LL RETURN EVERYTHING TO EMPTINESS!!
IF THE WORLD IS EMPTY, I WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER!!!

WHAT THE HELL?! THAT'S INSANE!!!
YOU'D DESTROY THE WORLD FOR A STUPID REASON LIKE THAT?!
DESTRUCTION IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF CREATION!
TO WIPE AWAY EVERYTHING...
...IS TO GAIN EVERYTHING.
ゲホホホホ…
HE'S OUTTA HIS MIND!!

ばんっ
YOU'VE GOTTA GET THROUGH ME FIRST!!!
ゲアアアアッ
I-I WON'T HELP HIM!
HIS PLAN WON'T WORK IF I DON'T USE THE STAFF!
ガチャ
OH, YOU'LL HELP, ALL RIGHT.
I STILL HAVE A **TRUMP** CARD.
WHAT COULD HE...?!

I GUESS WE HAVE TIME FOR ONE LAST OPENING ACT.
READY TO PLAY, BOYO?
EVEN NOW...
...I CAN DO SOMETHING!
RAVE MASTER...
EXPLODING SWORD TECHNIQUE...

ドッ
...SCREEN BOMB!!!
ブオッ
もくもく
もくもく
A SMOKE SCREEN? HMPH!
CHILD'S PLAY.
AIR...
...RESUR-RECTION!!!
ぶあああっ
!!!
ガッ
バッ
ダッ

THE SMOKE'S GONE!
YOUR SURPRISE ATTACK FAILED, HUH?
ガキィ！
SHADDUP! YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN!!
WHAT?
WHAT'S WITH YOUR SWORD?!
THE TIP'S ROUND!
IT'S AN EXECUTIONER'S SWORD.
IT DOESN'T NEED A SHARP TIP.

IT ONLY EXISTS TO CUT THROUGH NECKS!!!
THWNK
GAAH!!
ばっ
ズバァ
ギュルルル
FOREST RESURECTION!!!
!!!
にゅ~

WHAT THE...? THIS IS HIS POWER?!
CRAP!!
WELL, WHATEVER!
ボアアア
I'M STILL NOT GONNA LET YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT!!
ピキィ
PHEW...!
SO THAT'S THE TEN POWERS SWORD.
ギュウーン
HEY! WHEN'D THIS HAPPEN?!
!
BEL-NIKA!!!

BREAK THE STAFF!!!
!!!
YOU CAN BREAK THE STAFF WITH ETHERION!!!
WHAT?!

ELIE AND POPS TOLD ME SO!
NO JOKE!!
YOU WANNA USE IT TO CALL ENDLESS?!
YOU WANNA BE A PART OF HARDNER'S CRAZY PLAN?!
ブル ブル
THEN BEFORE SOMEBODY USES IT FOR EVIL...
...BREAK IT!!
BELNIKA! WHAT'S WRONG?!
BREAK IT WITH ETHERION!!
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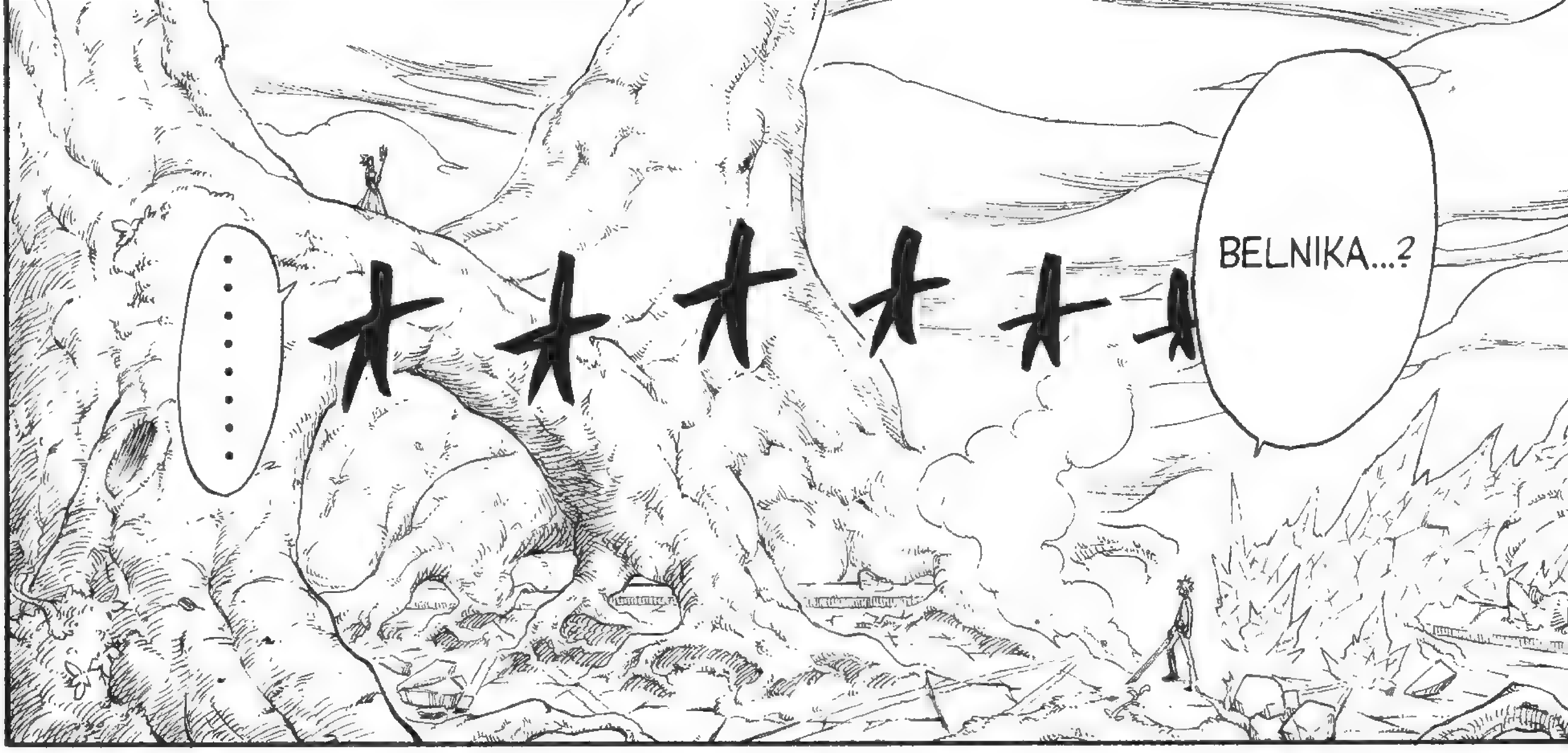
ぶるん
HUH?
?!


BELNIKA...?
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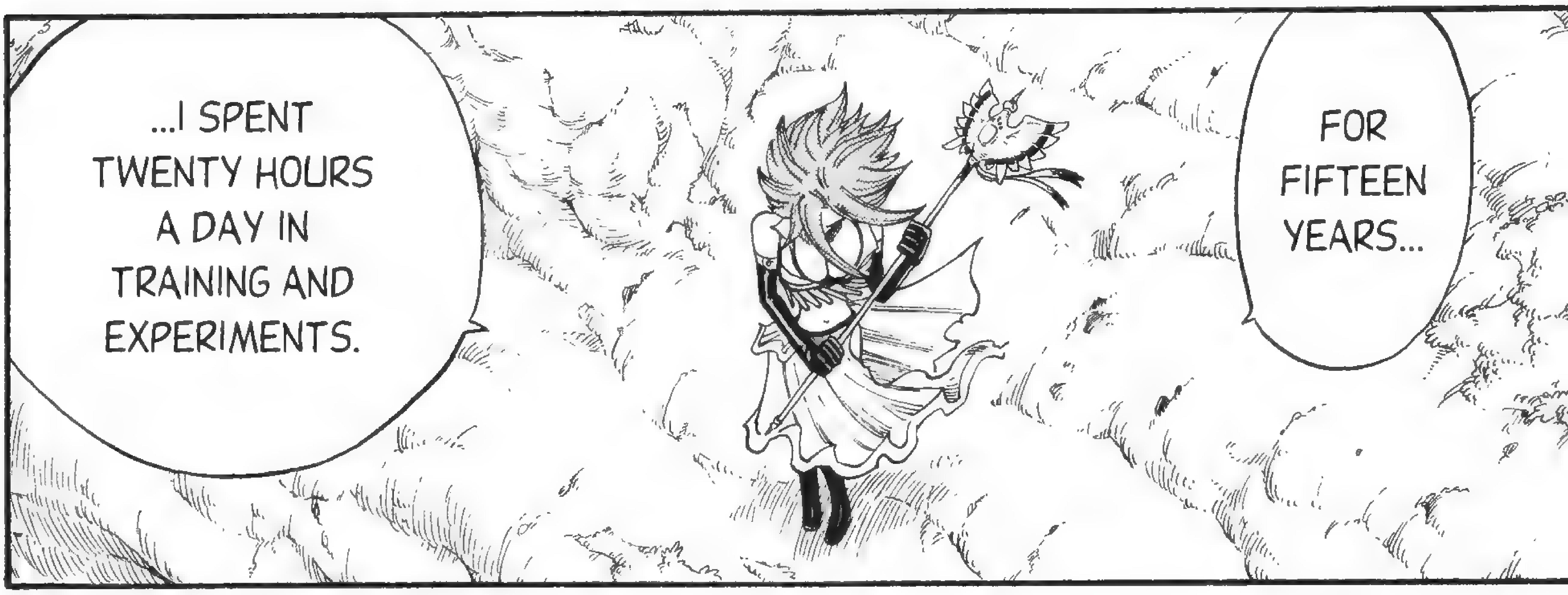
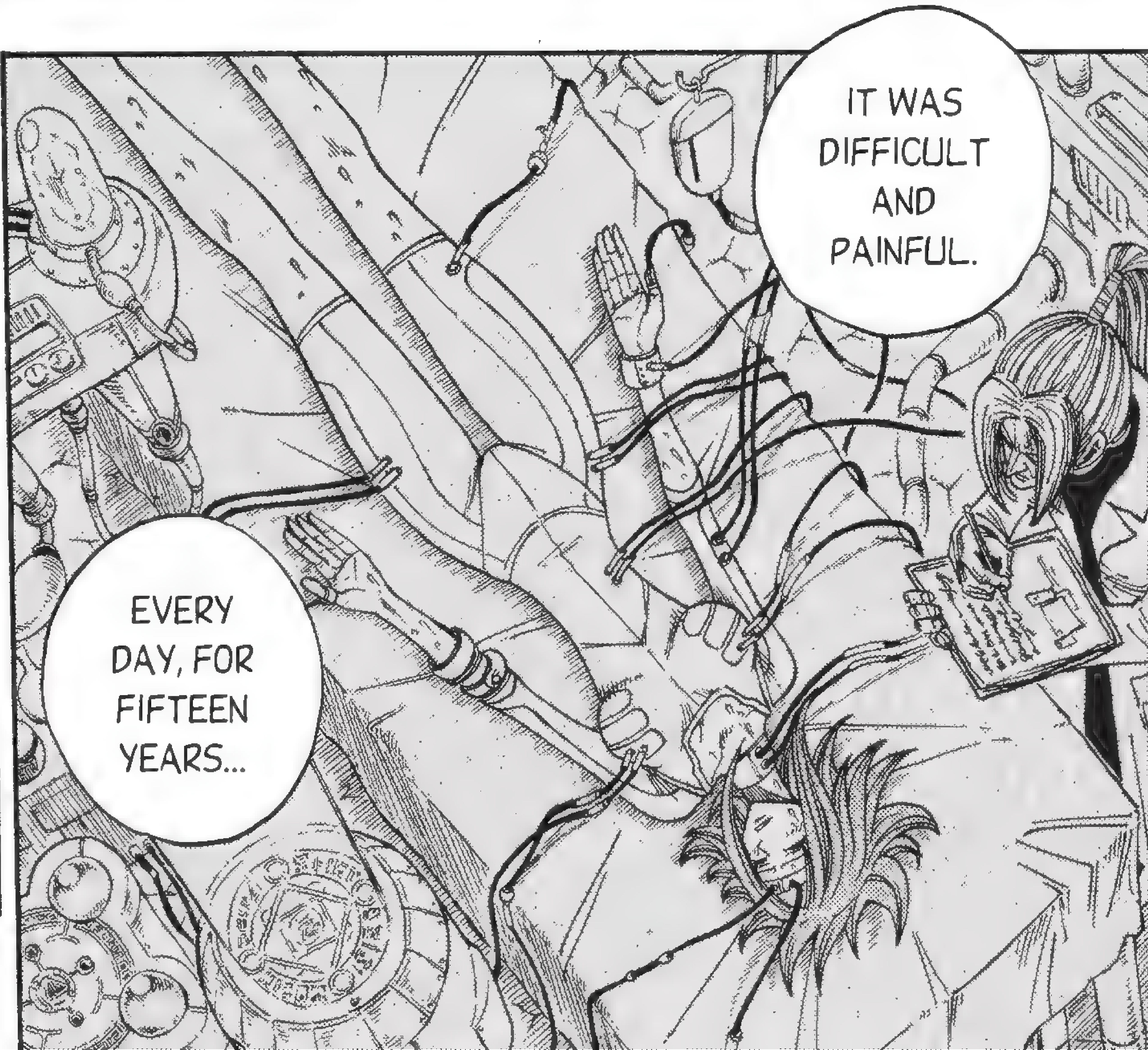
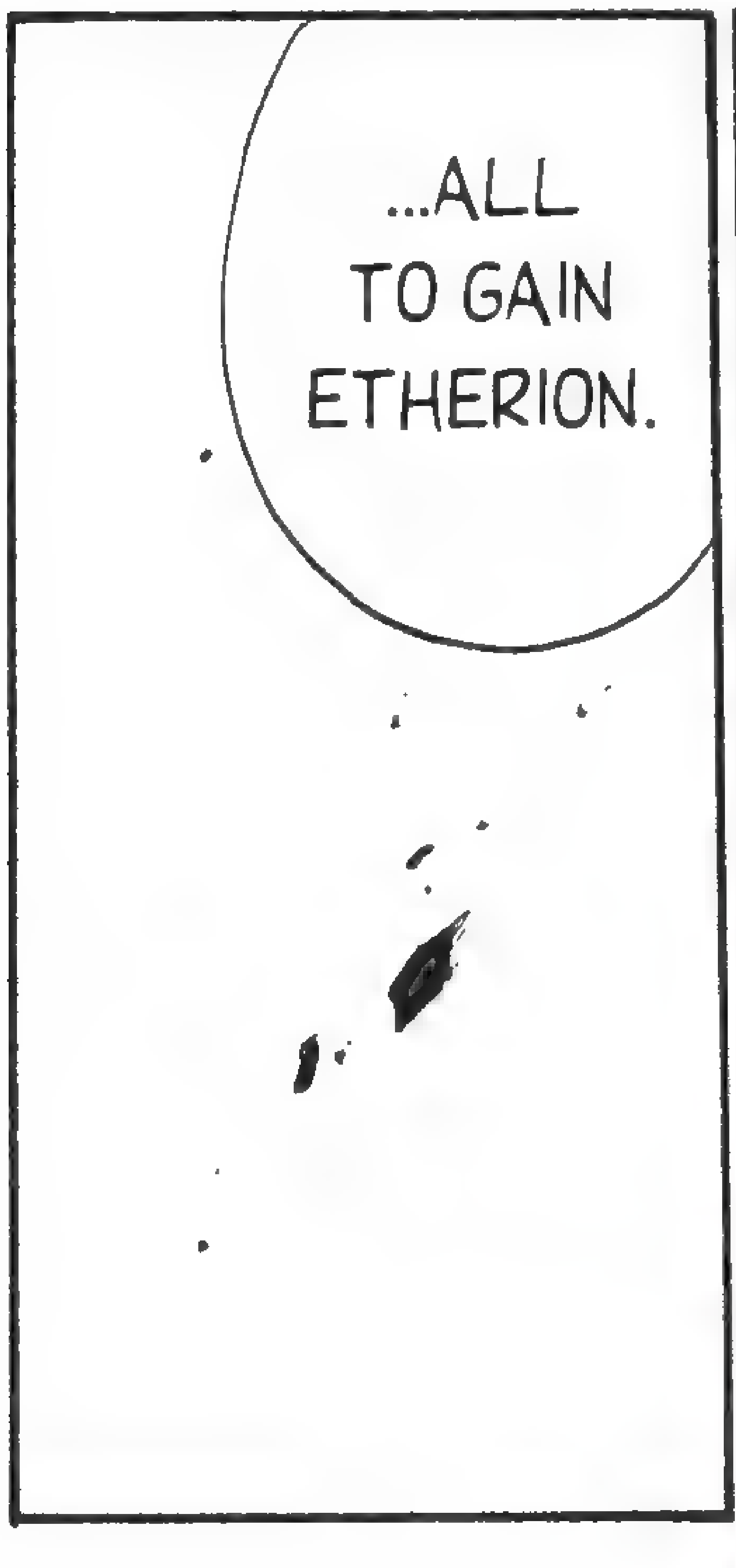

FOR FIFTEEN YEARS...
...I SPENT TWENTY HOURS A DAY IN TRAINING AND EXPERIMENTS.


IT WAS DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL.
EVERY DAY, FOR FIFTEEN YEARS...

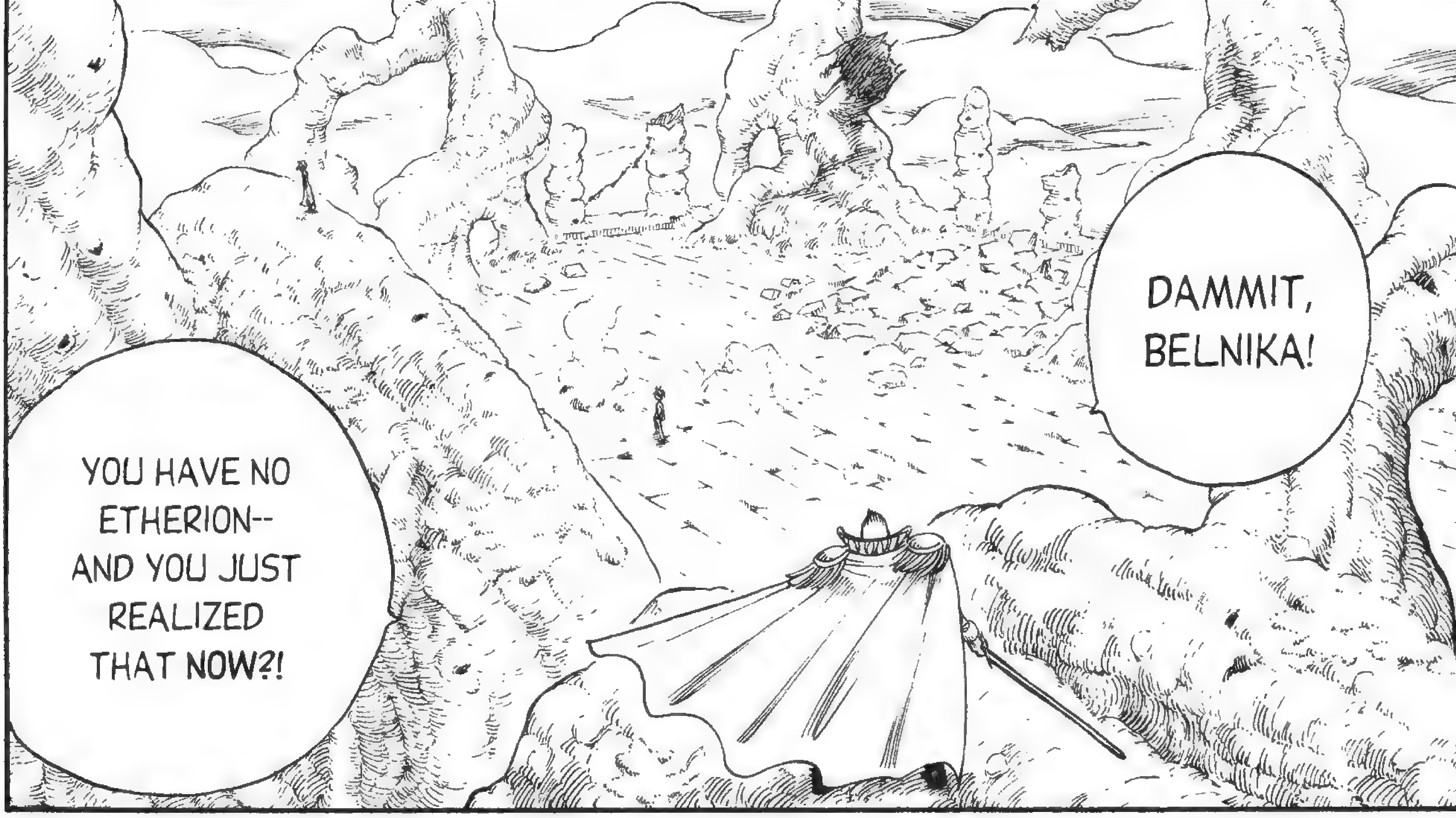

...ALL TO GAIN ETHERION.

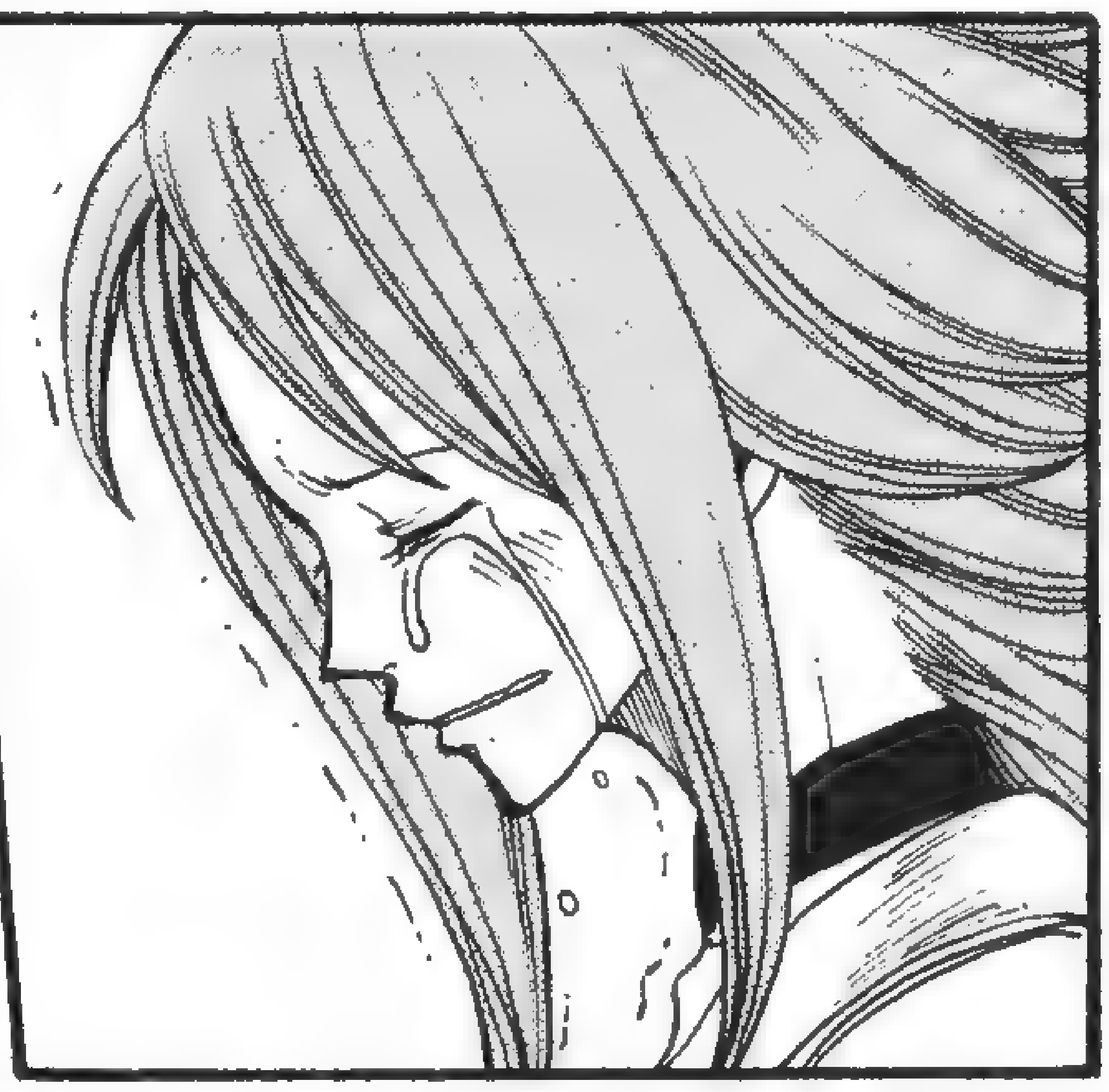
MY PARENTS DIED WHILE I WAS STILL A CHILD... BUT THIS WAS THEIR DREAM.
EVEN THOUGH THE VILLAGERS LAUGHED AT THEM, THEY WOULD SAY...
..."ETHERION CAN PURIFY."
I... INHERITED THEIR DREAM.
BELNIKA...
I... I KNOW IT WAS BLASPHEMY AGAINST RESHA VALENTINE.
IT CAN'T BE...!
I'VE BEEN...
I'VE BEEN TRYING...
...TO DESTROY THE STAFF...
...EVEN BEFORE YOU TOLD ME TO.
BUT IT WON'T BREAK!
NOW...
...I'VE FINALLY REALIZED SOME-THING.

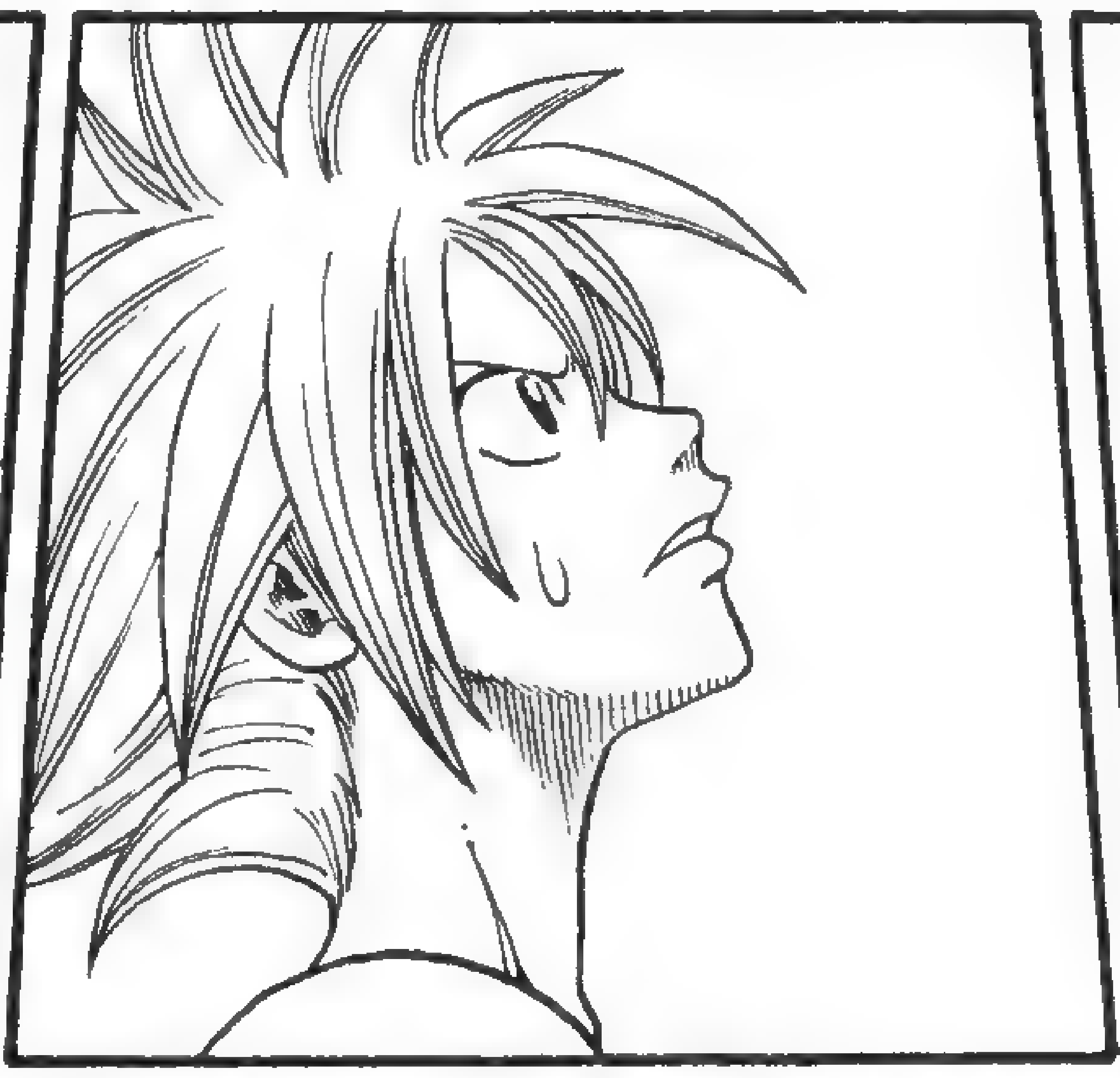
WITHIN THIS BODY...
ガバフォォォー
...THERE IS NO ETHERION.

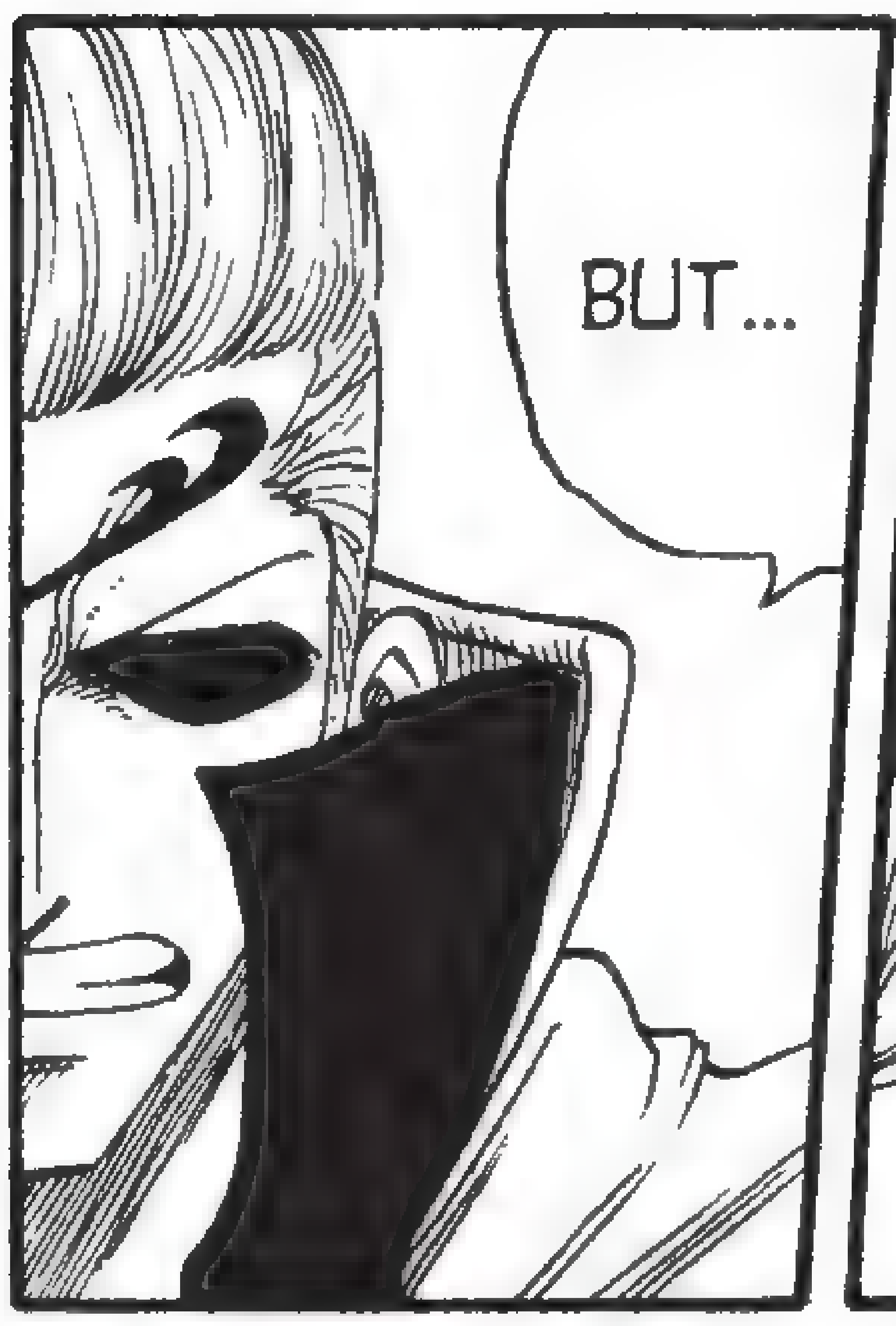
カァン
THAT USELESS WITCH...!!
SHE PLAYED ME FOR A FOOL!!!
GRIND

RAVE MASTER
exit
exit
Exit
exit
HEART

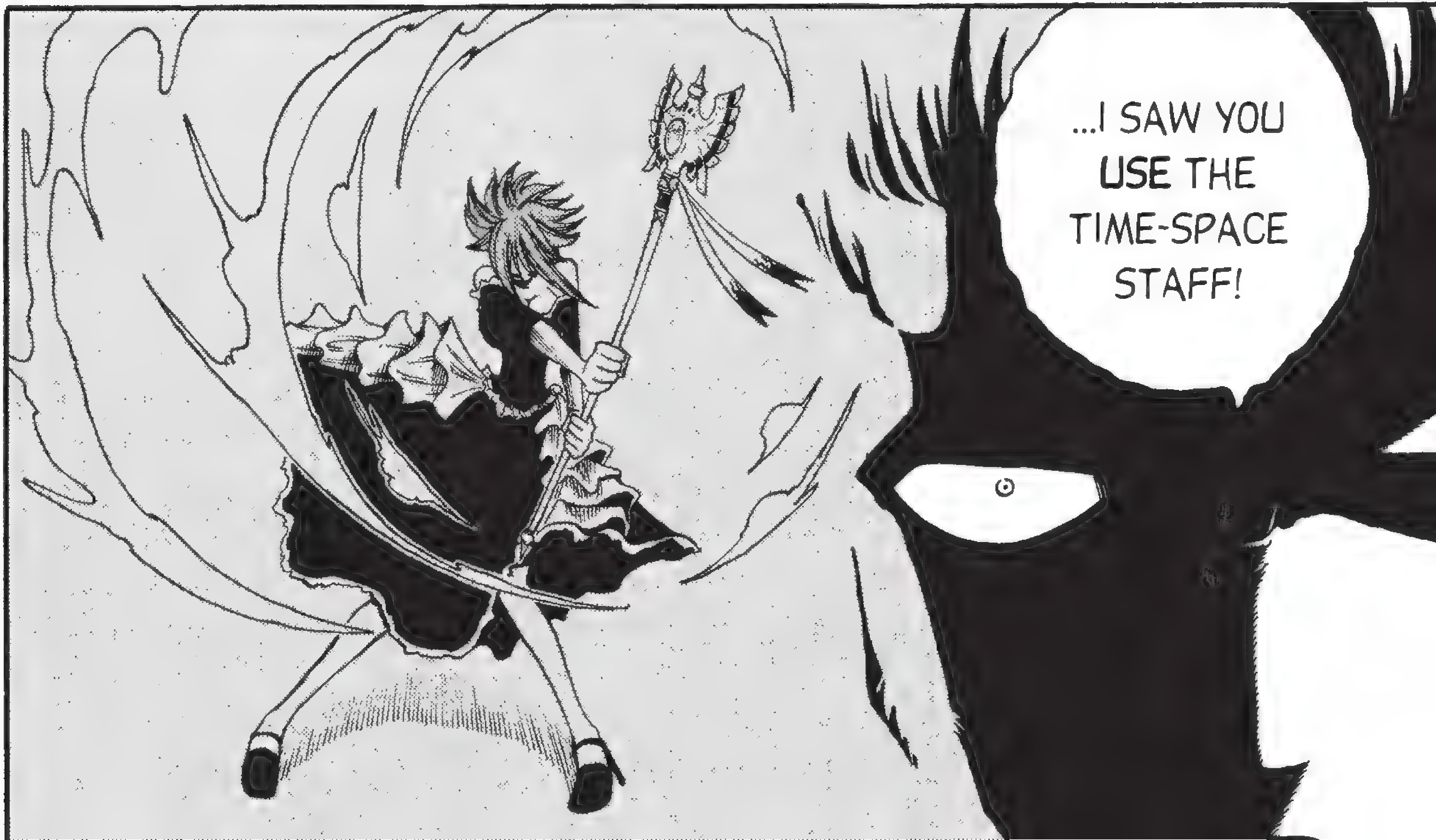

DAMMIT, BELNIKA!
YOU HAVE NO ETHERION-- AND YOU JUST REALIZED THAT NOW?!







RAVE:217 ✚ "AMBITION" RESURRECTED!


...I SAW YOU USE THE TIME-SPACE STAFF!

I THINK A BIT OF MISS ELIE'S MAGIC...
...STILL REMAINED WITHIN THE STAFF.
THE STAFF STORES MAGIC POWER?!
ぷるぷるぷる
ALL THOSE YEARS...
ALL FIFTEEN...
ALL FOR NOTHING.
BELNIKA... WORDS MEAN NOTHING NOW.

CONSIDER YOURSELF SENTENCED.
バ!!
!!
OH, CRAP!!
ダ!!
ザッ
ロ!!
ガッ
ばっ

I DON'T CARE IF I DIE...
I'M TOO FAR AWAY!!
I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT!!!

SLASH
Puuun!!
スリリリリリリリリリリ
!!!
PLUE...
GOOD WORK, PLUE!
WHAT IS THAT THING?!
Puuun!!
AAH!!
!!
Puuun!!
さささっ

BELNIKA!!!
!!
A SHOCK WAVE?!
DON'T GIVE UP!!
!!
STAB
YOU MAY NOT HAVE ETHERION...

...BUT YOU DO HAVE A FUTURE!
MY... FUTURE?
THINK OF IT THIS WAY...
AT LEAST NOW HARDNER CAN'T SUMMON ENDLESS!
HARU...
COOL, RIGHT?

HIS HOPEFUL WORDS...
...FILL MY EMPTINESS.
HARU'S GIVING ME HOPE!
YES...!!
....
RRRRGH!
ズボッ
NNGH...
DUDE...YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER. YOU CAN CONTROL TREES--BUT YET YOU GET IMPALED ON ONE?

JUST AN UNFORESEEN BATTLEFIELD ACCIDENT.
ドクドク
BESIDES--YOU CLEARLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM.
シュウウウ
ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE.
SHEEN
!!!
WHAT THE--?! HIS WOUND HEALED?!
フゥー
SILLY CHILD. MY DB ...
...IS RESURRECTION.

RESURRECTION?!
IN OTHER WORDS... I AM IMMORTAL.
ゴゴゴゴゴ
HUH? WHAT THE...?!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Puun!!
ゴロゴロゴロ…
PLUE!!
ゴゴゴゴ
I'LL SHOW YOU THE TRUE POWER...
...OF MY MOTHER DB, ANASTASIS!!!

MYTH REJUVENATION!!!
バキバキバキ…
!!
バキバキバキ
ズガガガ…
ボロ…
ゴゴゴゴ…

HUH?!
WHAT THE HECK?!
ALL THE BROKEN STUFF'S GETTING FIXED!
NOW YOU SEE THAT THE ALTAR OF BIRTH...
...IS A DANGEROUS PLACE, BOY!

IT'S THE PERFECT PETRI DISH...
...FOR FUSING LIFE FORMS!!
ゴゴゴゴ
FUSING?!
ズアァッ
......
HISTORY DOESN'T RECORD WHO BUILT THIS PLACE.
BUT A MILLENNIUM AGO, IN THE YEAR 425...
...MYSTIC REALM ELDERS DESTROYED PART OF IT AND SEALED THE REST.
ォォォォ

THEY BROKE THE **LEBEN RING**, THE MOST CRITICAL COMPONENT.
THEY THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD BE ABLE TO FUSE DANGEROUS LIFE FORMS WITHOUT IT.
ドゴゴゴゴゴ…
BUT THIS MOTHER DARK BRING CHOSE ME.
WITH ANASTASIS IN MY HANDS...
アアアアア
...AND THE **LEBEN RING** RESURRECTED...
...THE **TIME** FOR **FUSION** IS HERE AT LAST.
ドガゴン
ガキーン
ドゴゴ
YOU...UH...HUH? I DON'T GET IT...
ARE YOU CONFUSED? WORDS TOO BIG FOR YOU, SNOTNOSE?

IN OTHER WORDS... I'LL BECOME ONE WITH ENDLESS!!
I'LL BE REBORN AS A GOD!!!

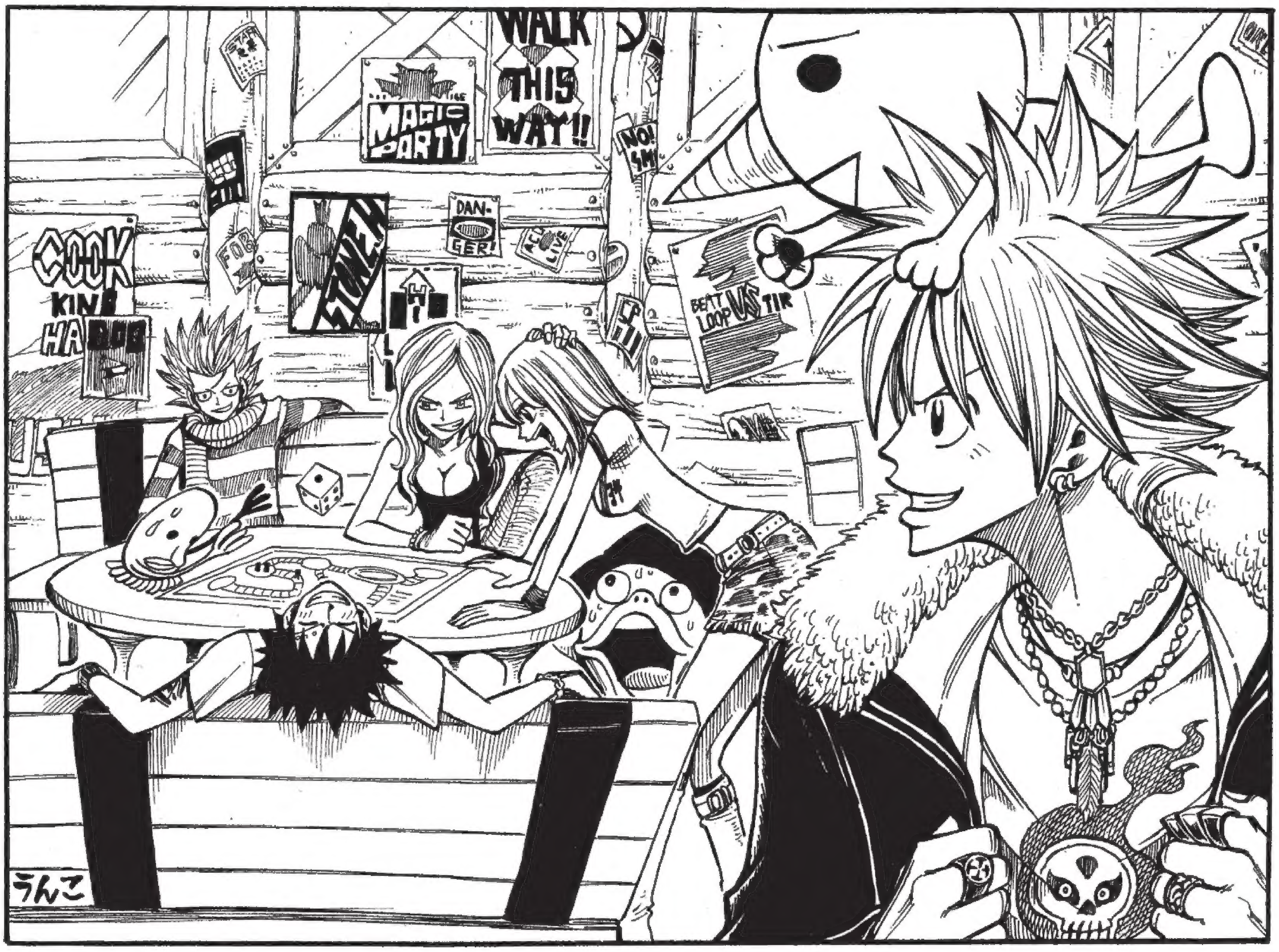
THE RUINS ARE RESTORED!
THAT'S WHAT FUSION IS-- TURNING TWO LIVING BEINGS INTO ONE LIFE FORM.
IT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE ALTAR OF BIRTH.
にゅる
Y-YOU'RE TOTALLY NUTS!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?!
WE ALREADY WENT OVER THAT.
YOU CAN'T DO IT! YOU CAN'T CALL ENDLESS NOW!

OH, REALLY...?
POKE
!!!
ドド
AAH!!
WE'RE FALLING!!
YOU FORGOT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND. POOR THING.
SHE HAS THE REAL ETHERION, DOESN'T SHE?
!!!

BUT DON'T WORRY... I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF ELIE.
NOOOO!!
!!!
NOOOOOOOOO
AH HA HA HA HA!!
HA HA HA HA!!!
TO BE CONTINUED

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

THERE ARE TEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TOP AND BOTTOM DRAWINGS!


WALK THIS WAY!!
MAGIC PARTY
NO! SM
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BEAT LOOP VS TIR
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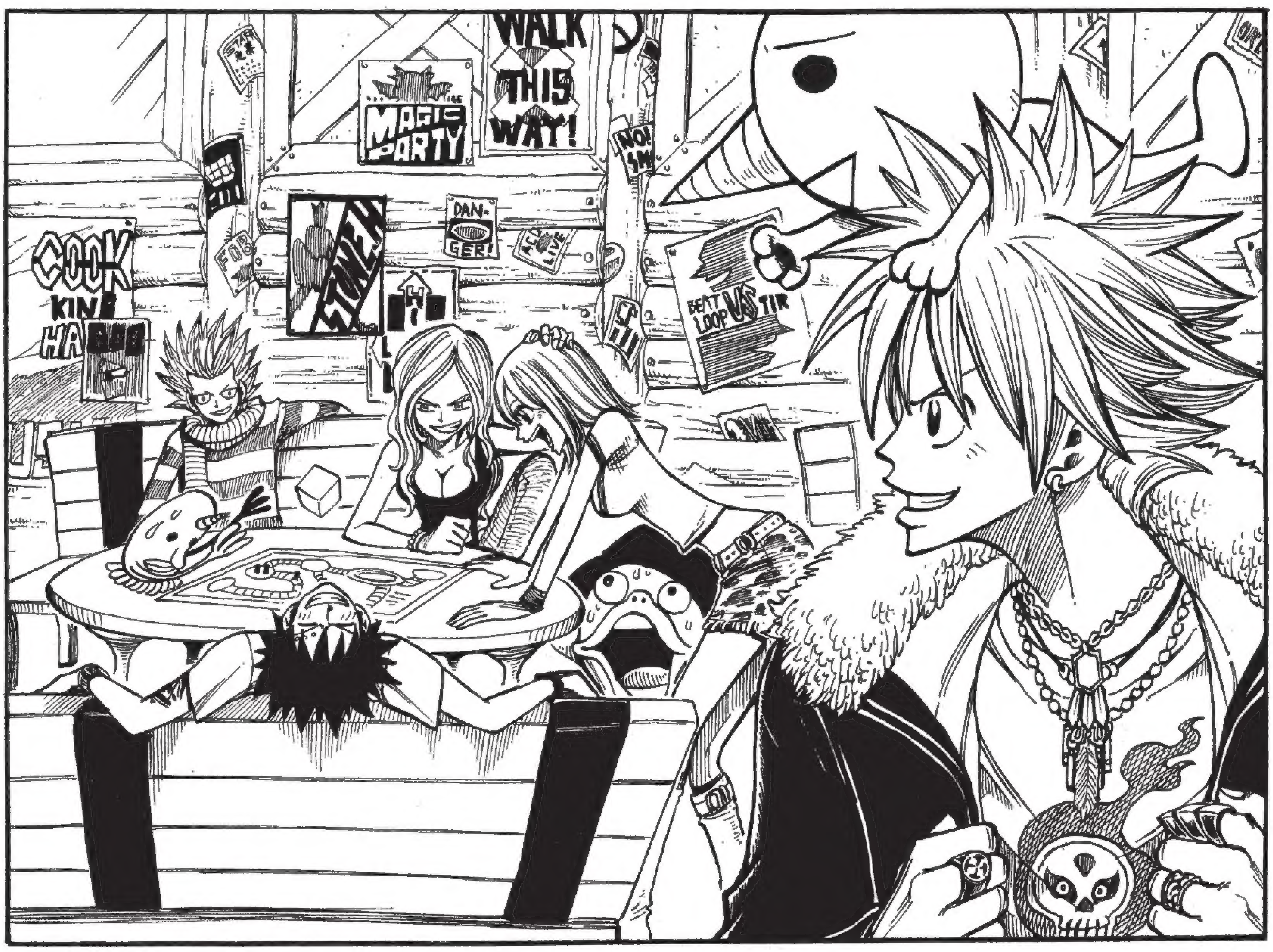
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Q & A CORNER

RAVEOOQA

Q. I noticed recently that Julia's hair is longer than it used to be. It grew pretty fast.
(Shinobu - Okahama Prefecture, and others)

A. **Yeah. Dragon Race hair grows pretty fast...actually, I hadn't noticed it was getting longer. Sorry. (^ ^;)**

Q. Tell us the origins of the BG names.
(Sanzou Take - Aomori Prefecture)

A. **Sure. They're based on animal names in French.**
Lunar -> Fox Lukan -> Shark
Giraffe -> Giraffe Leopard -> Leopard
Koala -> Koala Reevil -> Wild Rabbit Sean -> Racoon
All the ship names are based on birds.
I won't spill about Hardner. It's not based on an animal, though--it's kind of special, see. (^_^)

Q. Can Leopard put on a "magic" coat with her DB?
(Happa - Iwate Prefecture)

A. **Uh...now that you mention it...**

Q. So can you finally tell us how old Sieg Hart is? ♡
You put everything as "Unknown" in his profile.
(Iya the Unknown - Tokyo Prefecture, and others)

A. **Actually I wrote his age and real name on a page in "Mashima-en." Why? So people who wanna know will read it.♡**
More shameless publicity.

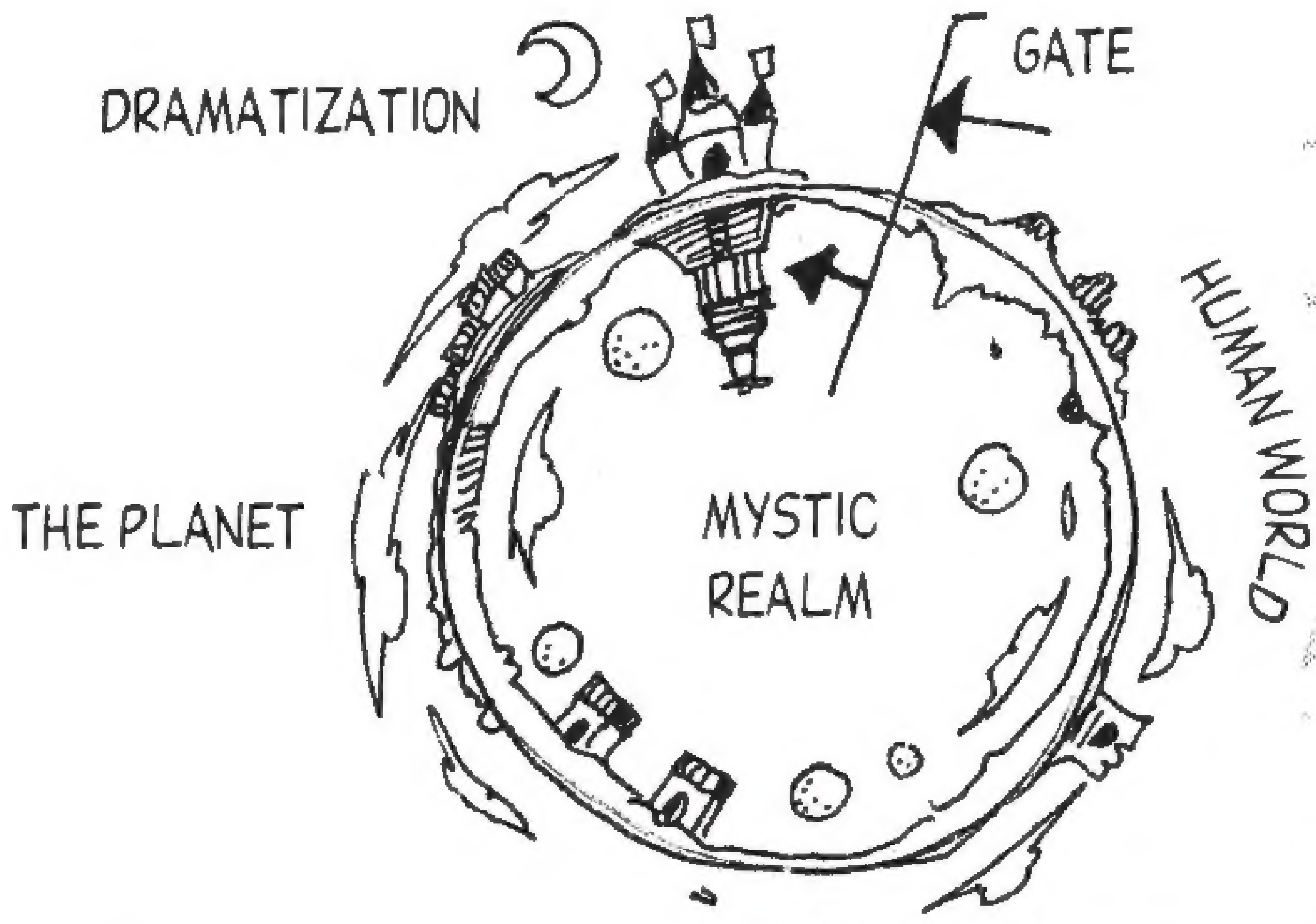
"AFTERWORDS!"

(Left-handed)

FOUR PAGES...THIS "AFTERWORDS" SECTION IS SUPPOSED TO COME WITH FOUR EXTRA PAGES! SORRY TO DISAPPOINT PEOPLE! HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE STORY.

THIS TIME, THE BATTLE HAS SHIFTED TO THE "MYSTIC REALM."

I FIGURE THERE ARE A LOT OF WAYS TO LOOK AT WHAT KIND OF PLACE IT IS, SO I WANTED TO CLEAR THINGS UP A LITTLE. FIRST OF ALL, THE "GATE" IS AN INVISIBLE BORDER SEPARATING IT FROM HARU AND FRIENDS' "HUMAN WORLD." IT'S SOME SORT OF MAGIC GATE THAT ALLOWS PASSAGE INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION (THE MYSTIC REALM) AND VICE-VERSA. HOW YOU CAN FIT ANOTHER WORLD ON THE SAME WORLD IS A LITTLE COMPLICATED.



THIS IS JUST A DRAMATIZATION; THE MYSTIC REALM ISN'T ACTUALLY UNDERGROUND. IT'S REALLY A WHOLE DIFFERENT WORLD.

SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, AS IN THE CASE WITH DORYU, HUMANS AND SENTINOIDS (THE RESIDENTS OF THE MYSTIC REALM) HAVE FEARED EACH OTHER, ALTHOUGH THOSE PROBLEMS HAVEN'T BEEN AS BAD RECENTLY. FOR INSTANCE, RUBY'S FATHER, PEARL, WAS A SENTINOID WHO SUCCESSFULLY MADE HIS WAY IN THE HUMAN WORLD.

THERE REALLY ARE A LOT OF TROUBLESOME LITTLE DETAILS ABOUT THIS, BUT I FEEL, WELL, WHATEVER. IF YOU READ ALL THIS AND END UP GOING "HMM," AND "I DON'T GET IT," IT'S JUST ANOTHER WORLD, AND THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW. OKAY?

THINK OF IT LIKE THE WONDERLAND IN "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"! ONLY WITHOUT HUMPTY DUMPTY.

HIRO MASHIMA

Hiro Mashima.